

Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
West Contra Costa Unified School District
Pupil Services Center, Special Education
2465 Dolan Way
San Pablo, CA 94806

MINUTES May 4, 2015

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Fayza Ayyad, Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Victor Costa, Michael Curry, Maria Gonzalez, Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney, Estela Depaz, Lisa Steiner

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Eric Peterson, Donelle Oda, and Magdalena Browne

Guests present: Liz Block, Andrea Ceja, Mario Rodriguez

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. Following the potluck.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The April 2015 minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by V. Costa and seconded by B. Bluntach. All in favor by: P. Albeno, F. Ayyad, J. Bishop, B. Bluntach, V. Costa, M. Curry, E. Depaz, M. Gonzalez, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, L. Steiner, None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

The CAC dates for the 2015/2016 school year have been confirmed and flyers were distributed to members.

SELPA Directors Report:

Legislative Information Sharing Day (Leg. Day) had a very large turnout, with more CACs participating from across the state.

SELPA's were recognized for participation in Alternative Dispute Resolution, (ADR). Next year the ADR grant money will be shared by 8 SELPA's. WCCUSD will still use the ADR model without the grant funding.

Districts will know more after the Governor's May revise.

We will be audited by the state because our funding for mental health services has not been spent as quickly as when funding was handled by county and we have carry-over funds.

The district will add 3 counseling enhanced classes for 2015/2016 and may add one at the transition age level.

The state has changed the review process. Instead of a verification review, they've switched to an annual application. WCCUSD will be expected to submit information in the coming year.

Classroom changes: 1 primary SH at Peres
1 NSH intermediate at Sheldon

We are adopting the Star curriculum which is ABA based; purchasing it for Pre-K and primary SH classes. These are comprehensive kits that give teachers all the materials they need.

The **Budget Plan** was presented to the CAC for review.

The Service and Budget Plans will be discussion items at the board meeting on June 10 and approval items on June 24.

Old Business

At Leg. Day – the One System: Reforming Education to Serve All Students - Executive Summary was shared with participants. It is a seven part recommendation plan developed by a task force made up of community stake holders.

The long version can be downloaded from San Mateo County Office of Ed.

www.smcoe.org/about-smcoe/statewide-special-education-task-force/

In addition to the legislative appointments, the CAC sat in on the Education Committee hearing in session in the afternoon.

Transition Fair turnout was better once the weather cleared up. The presenter for Conservatorship offered to convene a group session of WCCUSD parents at a special rate. Interested parents should contact Ken Talken.

New Business

No committee updates

Election of Officers-

The nomination was made of Jeannette Lambert as chairperson, Estela Depaz as Vice chairperson and Jeanine Bishop as Secretary. The committee approved the nomination unanimously, and a motion was made by V. Costa and seconded by M. Curry to appoint nominees. Motion approved by P. Albeno, F. Ayyad, B. Bluntach, V. Costa, M. Curry, M. Gonzalez, E. Mooney, L. Steiner. None opposed.

For the Good of the Order:

The next CAC meeting will be Monday, September 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Bishop