

**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 September 10, 2018**

**CAC members present:** Patricia Albeno, Corina Samaniego, Danielle Storer, Jeanine Bishop, Lisa Steiner, Elizabeth Mooney, Fayza Ayyad, Nancie Rouse, Shakira Raynolds

**Staff members present:** Nick Berger, Patricia Ogura, Michele Harrison, Shirley Priestley

**Guests present:** Joshua Maier, Margo Aishiteru

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Introductions.**

**Review and approval of minutes:** Minutes from May were reviewed.

Motion to approve by E. Mooney, second by L. Steiner. May minutes were approved.

**Public Comment:**

NSH, SH terminology seems outdated/insensitive and parents would like to see it changed to reflect the level of support and not the child. These labels are tied to job descriptions. CAC would like to be kept up to date of changes.

Care Parent Network's bulletins were distributed. They can also be found on their Facebook page. The Walnut Festival in Walnut Creek will host its special needs night on September 19. We will send the Care bulletin electronically.

CAC flyer distributed with dates set for the year.

**SELPA Directors Report:**

New positions in the department

Nick Berger – SELPA Director

Rachel Avanesian, - Directory of Sp.Ed. Elementary

Sonja Neely-Johnson – Director of Sp.Ed Secondary

Michele Harrison and Perlita Vickroy - new Elementary program specialists

Alcid Dela Cruz and Maria Gomez – new secondary program specialists

Chavon Pangalinan Green took a VP position at Pinole Middle and Kira Walsh took a VP position at Mira Vista.

Instructional aides are still being hired and placed until all positions are filled.

CAC requests organizational chart be shared on website.

The ISP model, Instructional Support Program is best described as inclusive NSH where every student is on the graduation path and has a seat in a gen ed. classroom with special education support.

First Student has added new routes and is adjusting to several schools that have changed their bell schedules. They have contracted with an outside company to do routing.

Discussion of a pilot within WCCUSD of a bus tracker.

**Old Business:**

Committee updates:

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee update

Last meeting covered explanation of how LCAP dollars will be spent and goals for the year.

Upcoming meeting date unknown at this time.

Medi-Cal

We bill for all students but only get reimbursed for students who have medi-cal. The state tracks the students but the district does not. Our CAC rep will be notified of the next meetings.

Emergency Prep

Notices went out to principals who have stair chairs at their sites. They were encouraged to retrain and invited to contact J. Bishop to arrange for training assistance. The chair at Mira Vista is mounted at the bottom of the stairs. It may have to be relocated per safety protocol.

Transportation –L. Steiner will be notified of upcoming meetings. There are already issues with a new wheelchair bus lift not working properly.

**New Business:**

The parent conference is Saturday, September 29. 8:30 to noon. Sign-ups available for members who would like to assist at tables and with set up, etc.

Registration flyers in English/Spanish were sent to teachers thru district mail. Return them asap. Also new this year, anyone can register online. The district said they would also push it out on their Facebook and Twitter pages.

“Hey Tell” for using phones as walkies.

Discussion: CAC Facebook page. CAC wants to look into starting a Facebook page. Open vs. closed group, CAC is open to the public so an open group to promote events? Look into doing a page vs. a group and decide on admin.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Understood.org is a good website for resources.

Discussion: What presenters would CAC members like to host.  
ISP Program, more on dyslexia

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanine Bishop