

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 December 3, 2018

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Lisa Steiner, Jeanine Bishop, Estela DePaz, Fayza Ayyad, Shakira Reynolds, Nancie Rouse, Danielle Storer

Staff members present: Nick Berger, Perlita Vickroy, Gretchen Hillstead, John Hillyer

Guests present: Margot Aishiteru, Suzie Weschler, Jeannette Gay, Nicole Cruz

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions.

Review and approval of minutes:

Approval of November minutes. Motion to approve by N. Rouse; 2nd by E DePaz. Approved (with correction of name used in motions.)

Public Comment:

- A new support group in El Cerrito will meet monthly in the evenings at the EC Library. Contact Cherese LeBlanc thru Care Parent Network.
- A group for parents at El Cerrito HS will meet at the JMP Center. 12/13/18 at 8:30 a.m.
- Let's Keep Learning Conference at CC College on December 8 still has room. Registration will be taken at the door.
- A comment was made concerning the mention of a tracking system on First Student buses. CAC would like more information as it becomes available.
- Regarding aide communication. Parents feel they have the right to talk to aides who work closely with their children. The teacher as the case manager oversees that process through communication logs or other agreed upon methods per the classroom.
- Parents received a call asking for anyone to apply for positions with food services. Can the same be done to let the public know about aide positions?

SELPA Directors Report:

- For hiring, the HR department has begun interviewing pools of candidates and placing them based on strengths. Ideal candidates could include former students who have positive experiences with special education students through inclusion programs.
- Parents and students should be included in PTSAs, School Site Councils, school wide events, etc. Special Olympics basketball and skills event on Dec 5 will bring middle and high school students together with gen ed.
- The CDE is working on updating/removing labels such as SH/NSH, and is working on aligning terminology with teacher credentialing. Newer terminology may include Mild to Moderate Support Needs and Extensive Support Needs.
- The department is looking at using fewer contracted employees in the coming year.
- The dept. is using teachers as curriculum trainers and is seeing positive results.
- The ISP model described by last month's presenters will allow more students to be served at their school of residence, to be more included in their community and

eliminate the need for some busing.

- Richmond High School model was described by G. Hillstead and J. Hillyer. Special Education teachers share a variety of student learners. Teachers have equal caseloads. RSP teachers have one tutorial and one certificate class. Services are pushed in. Students stay with the same teacher as they progress through grades.

Old Business:

Committee updates:

- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee update. S. Reynolds reported - Superintendent Duffy gave a presentation on budget cuts. They are looking to save money on transportation and open positions not being filled. Money spent will be focused on teacher retention and programs that lead to better attendance/graduation rates. etc. Moving away from the Healthy Kids survey and adopting Youth Truth.
- Medi-Cal - E. DePaz – better understanding on how Medi-Cal coding is used.
- Emergency Prep. will meet to plan priorities after the first of the year. Date TBD.

The CAC committee representation has been updated to reflect these changes: Danielle Storer on the Medi-Cal committee and Estela DePaz on the LCAP committee.

You Make a Difference – For future nomination forms, the committee feels that the request for full contact info of a nominee is a deterrent to completing forms.

At the January and February CAC meetings we will detail the planning needs. The nomination committee will select a date to meet. Letters to nominators and honorees will be mailed before winter break.

New Business:

Legislative Information Sharing day is the first Wednesday in May. Members who want to go will need to give their names by February. Please save the date if you are considering attending.

For the Good of the Order:

(Continuation of public comment) Parents would like to see more training for gen ed. teachers on IEPs.

The next meeting January 7
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop