



Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
West Contra Costa Unified School District
Pupil Services Center, Special Education

MINUTES December 1, 2014

CAC members present: Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Victor Costa, Maria Gonzalez , Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney, Hope Tucker, Lisa Steiner, Estela Depaz, Nancie Rouse, Fayza Ayyad

Staff members present: Darlene Almeida, Steve Collins, Eric Peterson, Kevin Nazario, Emily Santiago

Guests present: Mario Rodriguez, Andrea Ceja, Claudia Lam, Nancy Sungyun

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The December 2014 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was seconded. All in favor by: J. Bishop, B. Bluntach, V. Costa, E. Depaz, M. Gonzalez, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, N. Rouse, L. Steiner, and H. Tucker. None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CAC shared memories of CAC member Brian Rutford, manager of First Student, who passed away on November 8. A memorial service for Brian will be held Saturday, December 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mira Vista Country Club.

CARE Parent Network December calendar includes a free presentation on December 2 in Orinda on IEPs, Special Needs Trusts and Conservatorships. Due to the high cost of conserving a disabled adult, many families do not pursue it. .

SELPA Directors Report:

The special education department has begun planning for summer school and the 15/16 school year. Program specialists are currently working on their projections for next year.

At the last SELPA directors' meeting, it was determined that there would be no changes to CAHSEE testing and exemption until the state comes up with an approved alternative assessment, so the current requirement of taking it at least once and in 10th grade remains.

First Student is making adjustments to management. Dwight Ashburne will assume Brian's duties.

Old Business:

You Make a Difference task list is complete. Committee will look into an alternative to flower donation.

Nomination committee will arrange a meeting for the week of December 8.

New Business:

Committee Updates –

The Transportation committee did not meet. Lisa Steiner will attend the next scheduled meeting.

Local Control and Accountability Parent Committee, Danielle Storer attended. Elizabeth Mooney reported High School students from the Youth Commission presented and will be seeking input from Leadership classes. Nicole Joyner, Director of Data and Accountability presented information and templates.

Mindfulness: Presenter - Emily Santiago

Ms. Santiago led the CAC through a Mindfulness exercise and described its use and implementation for her students at Helms Middle School.

For the Good of the Order:

An auto dialer is supposed to call families when buses will be late. Steve will look into this.

The next CAC meeting will be held Monday, January 5, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop