



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

MINUTES February 2, 2015

CAC members present: Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Michael Curry, Jeannette Lambert, Elizabeth Mooney, Estela Depaz, Nancie Rouse, Danielle Storer, Lisa Steiner

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Eric Peterson, Ayisha Benham, Magdalena Browne, Chavon Pangilinan-Green, Kathy Johnson, and Denise Pinney

Guests present: Dwight Ashburne, Liz Block, Irene Semper, Jennifer Cesario

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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, E. Depaz, J. Lambert, E. Mooney, N. Rouse, D. Storer, L. Steiner, M. Curry. None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CARE Parent Network February newsletter was distributed. The Nat't I Disability Inst. Article on the ABLE Act was distributed. The LCAP Community Town Hall Mtg. flyer was distributed. Valentine's Day Dance flyers were distributed for George Miller Center and City of Richmond, DPRC.

SELPA Directors Report:

Legislative Information Sharing Day is April 29 in Sacramento. Members interested in going need to let Jeanine know. The department is planning now for Extended School Year. Student applications will go out after the February break. The elementary principals and sites will be Linda Takimoto at Harding and Alison Makela at Collins. Additionally, there will be elementary classes for mild to moderate NSH students who are used to mainstreaming that will be held at general education elementary sites.

Additional classes for next fall will include new transitional kindergarten, new 18-22 transition and the creation of a mental health class for 18-22.

The department is adding the position of coordinator of special education for mental health services and director of special education for secondary.

Teacher trainings in the fall may include a strand for special education teachers on the use of assistive technology and autism training for general education teachers.

Steve and Dwight met with the senior VP of First Student. FS is in the process of hiring a new manager.

Old Business:

You Make a Difference planning continues.

CAC members who have signed up for jobs will be called and reminded. Set up begins at 6 p.m. The CAC award in Brian Rutherford's name will be created to award exceptional bus drivers. The award will be announced with a memorial award honoring Brian, to be presented to his wife, Lori.

There is no other CAC meeting in March other than You Make a Difference.

New Business:

Committee updates:

Danielle reported that the LCAP committee met to discuss how to spread the information to the community. There will be videos available, and a “dashboard” for looking at LCAP information online.

The district will host three Town Hall meetings. CAC members are encouraged to attend at least one.

Medi-Cal committee met on January 29. Equipment was approved for WATR and the A.P.E. Dept.

Lisa wasn't able to attend the transportation mtg. Next mtg. is February 25 at noon.

For the Good of the Order:

Liz Block is our new CAC liaison to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop

