



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 November 3, 2014

CAC members present: Jeanine Bishop, Bellinda Bluntach, Victor Costa, Michael Curry, Maria Gonzalez , Jeannette Lambert, Lisa Steiner, Danielle Storer

Staff members present: Darlene Almeida, Rosalind Brown, Steve Collins, Joyce Forte, Maria Gomez, Elizabeth Mooney, Eric Peterson, Christine Russell, Magdalena Browne, Todd Groves, Kira Walsh

Guests present: Liaojun Chen

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

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

The October 2014 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was seconded. All in favor by: J. Bishop, B. Bluntach, V. Costa, M. Curry, M. Gonzalez, J. Lambert, L Steiner, and D. Storer,. None opposed, no abstentions.

Public Comment & Announcements:

CARE Parent Network's November newsletter calendar of events includes a workshop on bullying and children with special needs, and one on attending college with a disability.
The Dale Law Firm is offering a free seminar on Special Needs Trusts on November 5 in Pacheco.
It was noted that the First Student rep was not present.

SELPA Directors Report:

DINCs, district non-compliance items must be corrected so that we are 100% compliant. The primary areas of focus are meeting timelines for annuals, triennials and 60 day assessments; and all transition goals are addressed correctly.

The next State report is due on December 1st . Out of nearly 5,000 IEPs held, 57 were overdue. Special reviews will be held in February March and April, and if out of compliance by April, WCCUSD will be 'needs assistance' status.

There were 31 districts throughout the state that were selected for verification review. They include Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg and John Swett in Contra Costa Co.

California High School Exit Exam: Seniors will now have to take it twice until there is an alternative assessment.

Changes to Title V aligned California to Federal regulations. Many sections have not been updated since 1988. Eligibility criteria can be met through the discrepancy model or Response to Intervention.

The Hughes Bill was removed and districts no longer need to provide FAAs or BICMs.

All Designated Instruction Service is now referred to as Related Services.

Under eligibility criteria, Traumatic Brain Injury has been added and "Autistic like" has been changed to - "Characteristics often associated with autism."

There is a shortage of aides in the district and other districts in the area. WCCUSD requires 48 college units or pass the NCLB test. Principals are recruiting and jobs are posted on Edjoin.

Aides receive ongoing training: Staff training day in October, an Aide University series on Saturday currently being given for those working with moderate to severe. An additional training will be held in the spring for those working with mild to moderate.

Behavior techs are being hired who are being training in Applied Behavior Analysis.

Old Business:

You Make a Difference nomination forms have been mailed out and are due back November 21. The committee will meet in time for honorees to be notified before winter break.

The CAC's questions to First Student manager, Brian Rutford, will be tabled to be addressed at a later meeting.

New Business:

Committee Updates –

Transportation will meet November 12 at noon and November 20 at 3:15 at PSC.

For the Good of the Order:

B. Bluntach reported that she received a letter inviting her to apply for a CAPromise grant.

The Special Education Parent Handbooks are updated.

The December 1 CAC meeting will begin with our holiday potluck.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Bishop