

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 6, 2017

CAC members present: Patricia Albeno, Jeanine Bishop, Estela Depaz, Lisa Steiner, Corina Samaniego, Victor Costa, Elizabeth Bundschu-Mooney,

Staff members present: Steve Collins, Kira Walsh, Kevin Nazario, Mary Campbell, Kim Castro Lopez, Kate Fahrner

Guests present: Chris Sanford, Jennifer Cesario, Royce Wood, Willa Hatakeyama, Lisa Scheffer

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introductions were made.

Review of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2017 put forth by E. Mooney, seconded by L. Steiner and approved.

Public Comment:

Chris Sanford distributed information on an opportunity for students with ID to participate in a research study leading to development of a mental health assessment. Patricia Albeno announced details for the December 2 Post –Secondary Conference at the Ed Roberts Center, and the STAR Autism conference on March 17.

SELPA Directors Report:

The next LCAP meeting will contain a training for new members.

Planning is already beginning for extended school year. The district will go back to 4 weeks, with one week between the end of the school year and beginning of ESY.

The next steps from the comprehensive review – Corrective actions must be completed by the end of November. There are corrections to the policy manual, and a new MOU, Memo of Understanding will be written with the Regional Center.

CPI training continues November 18. CPI replaces ProAct. It focuses on de-escalation. Training is for staff working in TEP and counseling enhanced classes.

Old Business:

No Medi-Cal meeting

LCAP Committee-large

Emergency readiness – lesson learned from North Bay fires, agencies that help in evacuation are not contracted to help repopulate.

Transportation – Royce Wood introduced himself to CAC. He reported on the attendance policy for drivers in the new contract. First student recognizes that transporting special education students is a time-sensitive matter, taking into consideration student meds and feeding schedules.

New Business:

Presentation- New California Dyslexia Guidelines
Mary Campbell and Kim Castro Lopez presenters

Mary and Kim presented information on the guidelines and what is happening throughout the district.

The district will be reviewing two curriculums, Sonday and Wilson and selecting one to pilot in the spring and implement in the fall.

For the Good of the Order:

You Make a Difference forms are due November 17. A call for subcommittee to review nominations will be done in December.

The December 4 CAC meeting is a potluck.

We will ask Nick Berger to present to CAC regarding the Sanford Harmony social skills kits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanine Bishop

