

**West Contra Costa Unified School District**  
**Community Advisory Committee for Special Education (CAC)**

*Comité Asesor Comunitario de Educación Especial*

12/06/2021 - 5:30 p.m.

**Via Zoom Meeting ■ Por medio de Zoom:**

<https://wccusd.zoom.us/j/94681833027>

**Attendance**

**CAC Members:** Margot Aishiteru, Shakira Reynolds, Jennifer Cesario, Lisa Steiner, Tracy Henderson, Yolanda Vierra-Allen, Zelon Harrison, Patricia Albeno, Nancie Rouse, Amparo Salgado

**Guests:** Elaine Talley (presenter), Sara Wilson (interpreter), Maribel López

**WCCUSD Staff/Representatives:** Kristen Hardy, Jeanine Bishop, Leslie Reckler, Darlene Almeida, William McGee

**MINUTES**

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions ■ <i>Bienvenida y Presentaciones</i></b> A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 5:35PM. The Chair welcomed everyone and reminded participants that the meeting is being recorded.
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Announcements ■ <i>Anuncios publicos (drop it in the chat)</i></b>  Shakira Reynolds invited participants to make public announcements. The following announcements were made:  Mirabel announced: WCC Education Fair: starting Jan 22 with virtual meetings on Zoom. On Jan 29 the fair will be live in person at DeJean. See flyer for more information.  Leslie Reckler: On the District webpage you will find information on several upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics, including booster shots. See website for more information.  Jeanine Bishop: HR5984 Reintroduction of the IDEA full funding (40%) bill. The District will be submitting a comment. Community members are invited to comment as well. Jeannine will send the information via eTree and to the WCCUSD listserv.  Impact Education training on Thursday. Shakira provided additional information through a flyer.
<b>3</b>	<b><u>November 1, 2021 Minutes ■ <i>Acta del 1 de noviembre de 2021</i></u></b>  Correction to the minutes: Jeanine Bishop noted a correction to a name in the minutes: Ken Talken. Shakira Reynolds moved to accept the minutes with the changes. Jeanine Bishop seconded; the motion. Passed unanimously.
<b>4</b>	<b>Old Business ■ <i>Temas Anteriores</i></b>
	<b>Old Business was moved up, with approval of the committee, for the sake of efficiency before the presenter arrived for her scheduled time.</b>

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	<p><b>You Make a Difference ■ <i>Tu haces la diferencia</i></b></p> <p>The You Make a Difference is looking for additional subcommittee volunteers. Nominations will be reviewed at the next meeting. Monday, December 13 at 12:00PM. A member of the Communications department has been invited to attend to help plan and strategize on outreach about the event.</p> <p>The nomination deadline has been extended and will be accepted through December 10.</p> <p><b>Meeting Location ■ <i>Lugar de reunión</i></b></p> <p>The CAC will continue to meet via Zoom only through the school year. The committee will not resume in person meetings.</p> <p>The meeting recording was stopped to break until the presenter arrived. The presenter</p>
5	<p><b><u>Elaine Talley - Alternative Dispute Resolution ■ <i>Elaine Talley - Resolución alternativa de disputas</i></u></b></p> <p>Elaine Talley presented: The ADR Continuum: Working Positively with Your Child’s IEP Team</p> <p><b>Resource Parents:</b> 4 parents in the District. The District is always happy to train parents to become a Resource Parent</p>
6	<p><b><u>SELPA Director’s Update ■ <i>Actualización del Director de SELPA</i></u></b></p> <p>Kristen Hardy presented her report.</p> <p>Staffing: Approx 100 paraprofessional positions open – 38 new hires just onboarded. 4 teacher vacancies.</p> <p>CCEIS: Core Leadership team will meet December 13. The plan will go to Stakeholders on January 11 and to the Board of Education on January 19.</p> <p>Learning Recovery and ADR Grants:</p> <p>COVID Response: Vaccine Mandate: Students with IEP’s that have not been vaccinated – case managers will call meetings to discuss.</p> <p>Parent Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Leg Day May 4 - each district will be able to send 3-4 people.</li><li>- State Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference: March 17 - 18 in person at Riverside Convention Center. 600 max attendance for the entire conference.</li></ul> <p>Community Comment/Question: Zelon Harris asked for more transparency around CAC community</p>

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	<p>member elections scheduled to take place in May. The need for African-American participation in the CAC is critical.</p> <p>California State Law SB277 - A student with an IEP cannot be denied services- regardless of vaccination status.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Public Comment ■ <i>Comentario Público</i></b></p> <p>Shakira Reynolds invited comments from participants.</p> <p>Zelon commented: Thank you to Kriten and Elaine for their informative presentations. Coming to these meetings reminds me we are not alone.</p> <p>Tracy: Thank you - I feel like there is so much support. I am thankful for this group.</p> <p>Yolanda: Thank you for tonight. As much as we hope we can build team and partnership, it continues to frustrate me at how poorly we are doing it. I never knew there was a Resource Parent program. I look forward to learning more from this group. We always have to have the fight before we can get to the solution – we have to shift this dynamic. We need more transparency.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Adjournment ■ <i>Fin de la reunión</i></b></p> <p>Reminders: Next meeting is January 10, 2022 at 5:30pm</p> <p>Dr. Mary Bacon will be joining us to talk about Equity Walks and her process with the district</p> <p>Agenda items for the January meeting are due by Monday, January 3, 2022</p> <p>Margot Aishiteru adjourned the meeting at 7:21pm</p>