



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 October 6, 2014

CAC members present: Jeanine Bishop, Victor Costa, Michael Curry, Estela Depaz, Maria Gonzalez , Jeannette Lambert, Nancie Rouse, Brian Rutford, Lisa Steiner, Danielle Storer

Staff members present: Darlene Almeida, Steve Collins, Eric Peterson, Magdalena Browne, Kathy Johnson, Kevin Nazario

Guests present: Andrea Ceja, Mario Rodriguez

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Introductions and Approval of Minutes:

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

Public Comment & Announcements:

The Walnut Festival was well attended by families and CACs from surrounding districts. Jeannette reported that it was a good networking opportunity with other CACs.

MIND Institute released their calendar for the Distinguished Lecturer Series. All presentations are held in Sacramento and free to attend. Lectures are eventually posted in the MIND Institute website.

CARE Parent Network annual picnic will be held October 25 at Heather Farms Park, and will include the opening of the All Abilities Playground.

SELPA Directors Report:

The state has switched to an annual self-review process. With a new system of monitoring DINCs, district non-compliance, all school districts have to meet 100% compliance.

Staff training will be held on Monday, October 13 for both classified and certificated staff.

Classified training for aides will be at Crespi. It will be set up so they will rotate thru all sessions to hear each speaker.

All teachers have been placed and there are currently no openings for teachers.

October 15th is College Day. PSAT and SAT will be given. Representatives from special education will be at high school sites, to make sure accommodations are in place where needed.

Old Business:

LCAP, Local Control Accountability Plan Committee report:

Current focus is on how to improve communication and report back to groups. Parent education will be next focus.

New Business:

You Make a Difference – March 12 2015 recognition event explained, committee and task sign-up sheets passed around. Nomination forms will be sent to schools in the next month.

Questions for First Student to report back in November - CAC presented a list of questions to First Student Manager regarding safety procedures, emergency procedures, and training of substitute drivers, to report back at the November meeting.

Committee assignments - Danielle Storer has volunteered to sit on the Medi-Cal committee. Lisa Steiner has volunteered to sit on the transportation committee.

Requests for speakers – Committee members were asked for suggestions for speakers/topics. Suggestions made were Mindfulness, transition specialist, a common core math specialist, an RTI presentation.

For the Good of the Order:

Thank you to Danielle and Lisa for volunteering to sit on committees.

The next CAC meeting will be held at Cameron on November 3 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Bishop