

CAC

Community Advisory Committee For Special Education

Advising the Board of Education
San Diego Unified School District

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2014
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Ballard Center, 2375 Congress Street, San Diego, CA 92110

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Called to order at 6:36PM

Meeting called to order at the Chairperson, Mina Kern, welcomed attendees and introduced CAC members, district staff and administrators, and acknowledged parents. The Chair reviewed the agenda, meeting format and structure, membership procedures and process for providing public comment.

Note: This meeting had a special start time of 6:30pm because of our guest.

Special Guest – Superintendent Cindy Marten

- Presentation on the State of the District with a focus on Special Education.
- Issues raised by public during Q&A included – parent training for restorative justice, increasing the number of blended classrooms for ECSE, and the dissemination of information to parents done by the district.

Public Testimony:

The CAC invites the public to address the Committee and District about topics of interest or concern regarding students with IEPs in SDUSD. We provide a form to document comments and facilitate CAC follow-up with the district on matters that impact students. Due to confidentiality, personal concerns will be addressed privately with designated district staff. District will make an effort to respond to general questions as appropriate and time allows.

Copies of public forum comments and questions for the meeting can be obtained from the secretary or Chair.

CAC Business:

ROLL CALL/MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Present: Mina Kern, Christy Scadden, Raylene Dickinson, Moira Albritton, William Cary, Julia Childs Andrews, Joyce Clark, Maria Corral, Michelle Crisci, Susan Fanno, Megan Glynn, Ellen Herroon, Nancy Kirkman, Brook Markley, Maria Riedel, Leticia Ruiz-Mylenek.

Absent: Terrence Bobryk-Ozaki, Kristin Gohlke, Caroline Kelner, Connie Gearhart, Teresa Michel, Maggie Offerman (LOA).

Ex-Officio:

Sonia Picos – Executive Director

Cathie Whitley– Director, TOC

Dr. Joe Fulcher- Chief Student Services Officer

Quorum established.

Approve November 2014 CAC General meeting minutes – Action

Moira makes a motion and Michelle seconds

12 – voted for the motion

0 – voted against the motion

0 – abstained

Motion carries

Chair Report

The Spec Ed Dept was scheduled to give their formal response to the Oct CAC semi-annual BoE report, but that date was changed at the last minute to Jan 13th.

Chair met w/Sonia on Nov 11th. ESY survey forms are being changed to include a return address. Also, an email with the survey attached is going out through Connect-Ed to all parents of students with IEPs, whether they attended ESY or not. There is an issue with getting the software to filter correctly, so it's either all or nothing.

CAC general meeting presentation topics were altered. January will be on Resolution Options with a rep from the QA Dept, Ombudsperson, and Due Process. March will be changed to A-G requirements (what it is, achievement gap, different high school diploma options). June will be CAC 101 and committee business.

District calendar – The calendar committee voted to recommend that the start date for 2015/16 and 2016/17 be moved to Aug 31st (the CAC rep voted against that recommendation). The district conducted a phone survey of parents regarding the start date for the 2015-16 school year, reaching out to approximately 115,000 homes over two separate dates (Friday, November 20, and Monday, November 23, 2014).

2015-16 Start Date	Responses	Percentage
August 31, 2015	11,436	37.2%
September 8, 2015	13,964	45.4%
No preference	5,343	17.4%
Total Responses	30,743	100%

On Tues Dec 9th, the BoE voted to move the following schools from year-round to traditional school year - Dewey, Ericson, Hancock, Hardy, Jerabek, Johnson, Mason, Miller, Porter, Sequoia, Tierrasanta, Valencia Park and Walker elementaries, and Knox and Farb middle schools. The start date for next school year is to remain the same (September 8th), but the BoE will review the 2016/17 year again in 90 days. LEA plan was presented as a first read at the Dec 9th BoE meeting. Over the next several weeks, community members, advisory groups, and other interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback regarding this document. Dr Fulcher informed the Chair that Teresa Walter will be our Point of Contact for that, she will be getting in touch to setup those meetings.

Standing Committees: Bylaws were asked to meet again. Membership wants to focus on adding a SWD member, will discuss w/ Spec Ed Dept about how best to recruit SWD. Outreach – IEP day is Sat Feb 28th. Chair asked for any volunteers to take shifts at the resource table? If yes, sign-up sheet at Jan meeting; only 3 people volunteered. Above & Beyond Awards - Feb 12th nominations, March 12th publicity, April 6-13 for rating, April 23rd vetted.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS REPORT:

Sonia Picos – Reports

Deanne Rohde, the principal at Lindbergh Schweitzer Elementary, will be retiring in two weeks. Deanne has been very supportive of our committee (she attends almost every meeting, allows us to use her school for events, and offers advice/support for families). The CAC and Special Education Dept awarded her with a small token of our appreciation just before the beginning of Sonia's report. Thank you Deanne, you will be missed.

Learning cycles and principals institutes focused on how best to engage students with disabilities. Survey is going out to all teachers regarding i21 technology. Makeup of SSCs at the elementary level is 5 parents, 5 staff. At middle school, there are 12 total, 3 are students, 3 parents, 6 staff. Due process there have been 58 cases since July 1st. Special Education response is on January 13th. There is another collective bargaining meeting with the teacher's union this coming Tuesday. Please rest assured that the district is very mindful of the law.

Announcements:

Lindbergh Schweitzer will be hosting a parent support group meeting on Thursday, December 18th from 9:30-11:00 am in our library. The focus of the meeting is transition from Early Childhood Special Education to Elementary School. The meeting will be facilitated by Julie Jones, Project Resource Teacher, Jeri Day, Early Childhood Special Education Project Resource Teacher and parent, Felicia Wells.

Christy motions to adjourn; Brook seconds.

Adjourn 8:32pm