

## CAC Executive Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes

September 22, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m with Executive Committee members Mina Kern, Joyce Clark, Teresa Michel, Bill Cary, Mary Conroy, and Moira Allbritton present. Ex-Officio member, Dr. Joe Fulcher, was present for the first 45-minutes of the meeting. CAC members Raylene Dickinson and Michelle Crisci were also present. Dorene Dias-Pesta arrived prior to business. Two members of the public also attended. Quorum established.

Joyce Clark announced the Buddy Walk.

Mina Kern related a concern about appropriate credential and staffing a separate setting classroom at Bay Park Elementary. Dr. Fulcher will follow-up.

Dorene Dias-Pesta provided feedback about ESY services, especially for high school students in the Medically-Fragile Program. Supplies were not present, including gloves, bleach, approved cleanser, and table paper. Recommendations:

1. Please use a facility for ESY that has experience supporting students with significant medical needs.
2. Please include custodians as part of ESY planning process.

Dr. Fulcher indicated that he would ensure that this feedback was provided to the appropriate parties.

Citizen asked for Committee feedback for this hypothetical question:

Is it recommended District practice to cluster children receiving special education in one general education classroom? The theory seems to be that specialists and paraprofessionals can more efficiently support and serve students.

Answer from Dr. Fulcher: SDUSD position is to move away from segregated environments to the maximum extent possible. The situation described is not ideal and certainly not encouraged. Academic, social/emotion, and personal development of students is not optimized by this “clustering”; administrators should consider the best possible setting for each individual student in concert with the IEP team.

Answer from Joyce Clark: The situation described is \*not\* inclusion. Students are best served when students with disabilities populate classrooms in natural proportions. Staff convenience is not sufficient rationale to defy quality inclusive practices. The clustering of at-risk populations (e.g., basic/below basic, English Language Learners, and students with IEPs) is not good for the students, teachers, or peers.

Dorene Dias-Pesta asked whether Special Education was going to fund Health Techs who work with students with diabetes. Dr. Fulcher believes that 504 funds are being used.

Dr. Fulcher reported on some budget issues, including a pending audit of Special Education. The District has a shortage of moderate/severe teachers; 8 or 9 substitutes are currently serving students. He noted that Jim Wood is the new Program Manager for Secondary Schools and Due Process Office. Jody Bondurant-Strong's responsibilities have shifted and she is responsible for Transportation Services, too. Susan Martinez was appointed to the CA Special Education Com. HR and Finance are now going to have more input on teacher allocations; Lamont Jackson is new HR Officer. There are no plans for intercession. ESY will be consolidated to a single, unified late-summer session (i.e., August).

Discussion ensued that CAC was \*not\* consulted on this change. Dr. Fulcher will follow-up with those on the ESY Committee as his understanding was that the CAC had been consulted.

Dorene Dias-Pesta mentioned that our November meeting at Crawford H.S. would benefit by the agenda being translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Somali.

Mary Conroy moved, with Dorene Dias-Pesta seconding, approval of minutes from the August Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

#### Chair Report:

- We are on Facebook.
- Joyce is officially converted to Agency Representative for membership category.
- Vice Chair and I met with Susan yesterday. Start of school was calm. State funding formula looks to be able to be improved. Achievement data is positive.
- Members are encouraged to participate in Cluster Committees, especially as Realignment and Closure are contemplated. CAC position is that a continuum of options ought to exist within each cluster – vice busing students across District.
- We need to attend BoE meetings. CC clarified that no CAC member has been appointed to represent CAC positions.
- Spoke with Will Carless of VOSD re: Hehir Report and SAI implementation.

Public Awareness/Outreach committee will be co-chaired by Dorene and Joyce with Mary helping; Membership will be chaired by Bill.

The EC previewed the October general membership agenda. Ron Rode will be presenting Achievement Testing data; 30-minutes is allotted for this presentation.

Joyce Clark will represent the CAC on the Joint Calendar Committee; CC will provide her name and contact information to appropriate person.

Wrt to Tiger Team recommendations, the EC discussed the problem with opposing an audit. We don't believe there are significant savings to be identified but we are concerned about diverting limited resources. Consensus was to redirect BoE to Tiger Team recommendation #10 – specified TRACE.

Mary Conroy moved, with Teresa Michel seconding, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.