

**Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
Executive Committee Minutes
December 1, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. with Teresa Michel, Mina Kern, Dorene Dias Pesta, Mary Conroy, Bill Cary, and Moira Allbritton present. Quorum was established.

Bill raised the issue of membership criteria—specifically, retaining membership in good standing when absences exceeded that prescribed in the Constitution. The issue will be reviewed by Bylaws Committee this spring.

Mary moved, Mina seconded, to approve minutes with name spelling (Teresa Michel) corrected. Motion carried, 4-0-1.

Debrief of November general membership meeting. Presentation by Dr. Naranjo was well-attended and interesting. The meeting location – particularly in the dark – was difficult to find. Despite this factor, the meeting was well-attended. Dorene noted that we missed the opportunity to work with local parent organizations to publicize the event.

EC agreed that Subcommittee meetings could be convened immediately prior to the general membership meetings (e.g., 6:15-6:45 p.m.)

On January 12, 2012, Supt. Kowba is slated to present at the General membership meeting to provide a “State of the District” brief.

The December 8, 2011 general membership meeting will feature a Holiday “buffet”. Moira will e-mail potluck sign-up immediately to members/Ex Officio members. The EC desired that the tone be “light” and “happy”. Extended Open Forum, minimal District report, and focus on upcoming community events was directed.

Membership Items:

Dorene moved, with Mary seconding, the recommendation to re-appoint Mina Kern to the CAC. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Mary moved, with Dorene seconding, the recommendation to re-appoint Teresa Michel to the CAC. Motion carried, 5-0-0.

Moira reported further information received from a member whose District position had changed this year (re: Ex Officio status). Dorene suggested that CC provide information and Constitution to SDUSD General Counsel’s office for a determination of whether the new position qualified as “administrative, managerial, and/or leadership”. Mary seconded this motion. It was passed 5-0-0.

Moira reported on the information she had received thus far from her CPRA requests. The data was not in an easily-usable format and she was told much was not maintained electronically. Moira

recommended that we re-evaluate the information after it is all provided; at this point, there would appear to be some recommendations about reviewing Due Process/Complaint/Mediation data.

Moira sought final input for the Dec. 13 presentation to the BOE. Issues brought forward included:

- Maximizing grants/donations/community partnerships;
- Concern about Tiered Menu for Charters – Do parents have a clear understanding of what they would not be receiving from the District SELPA?
- Concern about Charters joining non-local SELPAS – Do parents have equal information and opportunity to participate in development of the relevant Local Plan?
- Transportation ongoing concern.

During Public Input, it was observed with irony that a hydraulic elevator was functional in an illicit tunnel between the U.S. and Mexico but that SWD at a local high school still lacked access to elevator.

Bill moved, and Mina seconded, to adjourn around 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Moira K. Allbritton
Committee Chair
January 25, 2012