

# CAC

Community Advisory Committee  
for Special Education  
ADVISING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **Executive Committee Meeting: DRAFT Minutes**

Date: January 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m. with Mina Kern, Dorene Dias Pesta, Joyce Clark, and Moira Allbritton present. Quorum was established. Public input was favorable for Jody BonDurant-Strong's resource table. One staff member borrowed "My Brother Charlie" to read to a classroom. Follow-up query: Is there a list of resources that could be promulgated to employees via Newsline or recommended titles for parent/student libraries? Another note was that Kurzweil should be infused in teaching practices.

Dorene Dias Pesta moved, with Mina Kern seconding, to approve the December 2nd Executive Committee minutes with revision. Motion carried.

The EC debriefed the December general meeting and was pleased by the dessert buffet and turn-out.

The EC debriefed the January general meeting. CC was disappointed that our notice was rejected by Superintendent's Notes and felt that depressed meeting attendance. EC was very pleased that the Superintendent joined us.

CC reported on discussions with the Exec Director of Special Education regarding cost-savings strategies. She noted that enforcing accountability, strengthening quality teaching, and using collaboration with parents were important. CC suggested that to really create accountability, compliance could be linked to X-factor funding. Joyce Clark inquired about the 1/3-1/3-1/3 classrooms and co-teaching model, which the CAC has never supported.

Subcommittee meetings will occur prior to the March general meeting. Public Awareness is to plan the IEP Day table (March 17). Membership is challenged to recruit 5 additional members by the end of the year. Bylaws need to be reviewed; CC recommendation was to review with a mindset of building capacity for committee work on various task forces, work groups, etc. CC noted that the Nominating Committee will need to look at succession planning.

February's meeting will feature informational presentations by School Choice and Transportation. March's meeting will afford Ron Little time to present budget and finance issues. April's meeting is tentatively slated to include a "How to File a Complaint" presentation.

CC directed to discuss with BoE members how special education fits into Vision 2020 and A to G initiatives. In addition to the LEA Plan, the Annual Service Plan/Local Plan will need to be addressed in the coming month.

Dorene Dias Pesta moved, with Mina Kern seconding, to recommend Susan Fanno for appointment to the CAC. Motion carried, 4-0.

Dorene Dias Pesta moved, with Joyce Clark seconding, to recommend Caroline Kelner for appointment to the CAC. Motion carried, 4-0.

Joyce Clark moved, with Dorene Dias Pesta seconding, to recommend Mary Conroy for re-appointment to the CAC. Motion carried, 4-0.

Dorene Dias Pesta moved, with Mina Kern seconding, to recommend Nancy Kirkman for appointment to the CAC. Motion carried, 4-0.

Re: Audit of Special Education. EC opposes use of public funds at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Moirá Allbritton  
Committee Chair  
February 23, 2012