

CAC Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. with slight delay dictated by building access difficulty.

Executive Committee members Bill Cary, Mary Conroy, Teresa Michel, Mina Kern, Joyce Clark, and Moira Allbritton present. Also present were CAC members Susan Fanno, Michelle Crisci, and Christy Scadden. One member of the public also attended.

Public input included:

- * Treatment of students who have limited expressive language skills;
- * Protection of students from bullying/discrimination by staff;
- * IEP team prevented by unilateral staff intervention from implementing IEP team decision;
- * Predetermination of 504 Plans, eligibility;
- * Concern about ensuring that all staff and managers embrace the Hehir Report/Recommendations; and
- * Students with disabilities ejected from usual educational environment(s) because of high-stakes testing.

CC will follow-up with Ex-Officio members.

Mary Conroy moved, with Joyce Clark seconding, to approve March Executive Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried, 4-0-2.

Those present debriefed the April general membership meeting. Amy Perez' presentation was found to be somewhat one-sided but thought to show increased sensitivity to parents; humor was appreciated. Jim Wood's presentation was generally deemed to represent the way the District has approached transition -- lacked preparation and cohesion plan as well as vague on specifics. Executive Committee directed CC to follow up as needed to ensure CAC involvement.

Committee reviewed plan for May's meeting, which features Above & Beyond awards presentation.

Issues that Executive Committee would like to see more information about include:

- * Numbers for Due Process each month
- * Data on outside counsel (including, % of cases, \$ spent, etc.)
- * Clarification on Professional Development for Transition
- * Written reports from staff distributed on quarterly basis (vacancies, complaints, etc.)
- * Reorganization - is anything changing for 2012/2013?
- * ESY update
- * Uniform Discipline (UDP)
- * Hehir information readily available on website (and CAC page)
- * Signed copy of 11-30-11 resolution on website (and CAC page)

We discussed how to include new Spanish speakers in our internal communications.

Membership issues were discussed. It is our understanding that Teresa Hilleary and Pam McKinney will not renew. Before end of term, CC will update membership form to accurately reflect eligibility categories.

Joyce Clark moved, with Mary Conroy seconding, a motion to recommend Terry Pesta for membership (under the category of General Educator) to the Board of Education; motion carried 6-0.

Mary Conroy previewed two minor changes to the Constitution and Bylaws; the first reading will occur at the May general membership meeting.

Considerable discussion about Transition services occurred. Primary issues appear to be that students exit lacking the skills necessary to fulfill the District's motto and that there are is not a continuum of program options to serve young adults. Other concerns include absence of general education engagement and overwhelmed parents.

Mina reported on her involvement with the DHHEC.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Moirá Allbritton
May 24, 2012