

# CAC

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE for Special Education

ADVISING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### General Membership Meeting: MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, May 12, 2011

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm

**Location:** Bell Middle School-Library, 620 Briarwood RD, San Diego, CA 92139

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

##### **Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm**

The Chairperson, Moira Allbritton, welcomed attendees and introduced CAC members, district staff and administrators and acknowledged parents. The chair reviewed the agenda, meeting format and structure, and process for providing public comment.

#### ROLL CALL/MEMBER ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Moira Allbritton, Joyce Clark, Bill Cary, Mary Conroy, Teresa Michel, Michelle Crisci, Raylene Dickinson, Dorene Dias Pesta, Ellen Herroon, Meghann Hughes, Nancy Stevenson

**Absent:** Christy Scadden, Belquis Anders, Teresa Hilleary, Mina Kern, Chris Pikus

**Ex-Officio:** Nellie Meyer, Ed. D. (Deputy Superintendent of Academics), Jody Bondurant-Strong, Director of Special Education

**Quorum Established**

**“Goals for Student Achievement”-** Nellie Meyer, Ed. D. (Deputy Superintendent of Academics)-gave a power point on achievement goals for students in academics to be college and career ready, as well as personal social skills that make strong capable adults.

**“Labor Relations 101”-**Gloria Chavez (Human Resources Officer)) unable to attend at the last minute

Moira Allbritton had several members from CAC present an understanding of contract/labor relations from an employee perspective.

#### PUBLIC Input: Q & A

**Q:** (Joyce Clark)-Aces Inc.-SB 462 advocate certification-Requesting SDUSD SELPA take a position on this issue, recommending opposition. (Letter attached from CAFEC)

**A:**

**Q:** (Tam Doan) read by Caroline Kelner-Edison Elementary-Solutions Panel- What is the status of the Solutions Panel? Parent has requested a meeting regarding retaining her student for the 2011/2012 academic school year. Request was made approximately one month ago and meeting is still not set.

**A:**

**Q:** (Dorene Dias Pesta)-Summer School for medically fragile students-Mission Bay, Clairemont High each have multi-sensory rooms, I heard they are moving to Lincoln resulting in 3 classrooms using the equipment, including Madison which does not have a multi-sensory room. What is the cost analysis of bussing Clairemont and Mission Bay students to Lincoln, versus what was done in past years of merging Mission Bay and Clairemont?

**A:** Jody Bondurant-Strong-the equipment will be moved in the three week time frame so it will be available for summer school and will be moved back to the other sites for the fall. The decision to select schools is a complex one related to cost, location, teachers, principals, etc.

**Q:** (Connie Gearhart)-Bussing for students with special education needs?

**A:** Jody- I have looked at every IEP that has transportation on it and parents will receive letters for those students who are not required/eligible to have transportation. The office is working hard with transportation to avoid inadvertently placing students under special education for transportation when they are not eligible.

**Q:** (Meghann Hughes)-ESY- What is ESY going to look like for a ninth grade student that receives 20 hours of SAI instruction per week? Would it be a self-contained class for 6 weeks or 20 hours of 1-to-1 instruction for 6 weeks in the summer?

**A:** Jody-I am not sure what this will look like specifically. It is an IEP team decision based on the regression and loss of education for each student. Students will not receive credit for this schooling and it will be in a separate, self-contained classroom working on their goals.

**Q:** (Michelle Crisci)-Correia-ESY-How will ESY be satisfied for students who have SDC-PH for their summer school placement for 7<sup>th</sup> grade?

**A:** Jody-these students will be in a SDC-PH classroom for middle school. I do not currently have the list of available middle schools with me.

#### **Special Education Programs Report:**

Jody Bondurant-Strong-ESY for spring intersession has had good reports for being very successful and this plan is heading into summer ESY, but there is a culture shift from separating ESY from summer school and there are a lot of questions coming with the shift.

ADR (alternative dispute resolution) group or "Solutions Panel" has had its first request for a meeting and are in the process of setting that up. The second training has started for dispute resolution and mediation training.

June 4, 2011 Workshop who will train on IEP's and parents rights with the "Lawyers committee for civil rights under law" –more information will be available on the website and through schools and the Ballard Parent Center.

Procedural Safeguards have been reviewed and revised by Patrick Frost, the district lawyer, and Jody is continuing the request that CAC and other parent organizations be included to fully inform parents of their rights and access to information, etc.

Update on the organization chart for the district is in the works with changes occurring over the summer so it should be done by September. CST's will change with 11 "(yet to be titled)" support staff that will support principals and their students at their schools. Posting for these positions will be up next week.

#### **CAC BUSINESS**

**Approve CAC meeting minutes (action)**-Dorene Dias Pesta made a motion to approve the general minutes from the April 2011 meeting. Bill Cary seconded the motion. The motion carries.

**Amend motion (action)** – Joyce Clark made a motion to move first meeting for the fall to 8 September 2011. Raylene Dickinson seconded the motion. The motion carries with 9 approving and 1 opposing.

**Response to Tiger Team Recommendations (action)**-Bill Cary made the motion to have the response to Tiger Team recommendations moved to the executive committee. Joyce Clark seconded the motion. 8 approve, 1 opposition, 1 abstention, Motion carries.

**Announcements:**

The next CAC meeting will be June 2, 2011 at Lindberg-Schweitzer, west campus and will include the Above and Beyond Awards

Joyce Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Fimbres seconded the motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted by the secretary,  
Mary Conroy