

CAC

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE for Special Education

ADVISING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Membership Meeting: MINUTES

Date: April 8, 2010

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Serra High School Media Center
5156 Santo Road, 92124

**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM DIVISION AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL FORUM**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm

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

Announcements: Autism Society-applications for Camp I Can and Surf Camp are available. Kelly Donahue, Navy School Liaison officer, is available to help with transitions for military families to include special education. Provide assistance and training to parents in navigating the system, gather and maintain records and advocating for their Exceptional Family Member (EFM). This is an EFM mandatory program within the Marine Corps with case workers and attorneys. MCNAS Miramar handles over 500 cases and provides incredible support.

ROLL CALL/MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Present: Moira Allbritton, Belquis Andres, Bill Cary, Maleia Christian, Mary Conroy, Michelle Crisci, Stephanie Fimbres, Mina Kern, Pam McKinney, Teresa Michel, Nancy Stevenson, Teresa Hilleary

Absent: Joyce Clark, Dorene Dias-Pesta, Meghann Hughes, Christy Scadden

Ex-Officio: Susan Martinez, Executive Director of Special Education

Quorum Established

CAC BUSINESS

Approve CAC meeting minutes (action)

No minutes were available for approval, action put forward to next month

Recommendation/approval of CAC Executive Committee Slate (2010/20110)-action

Mary Conroy presented the slate for next year

Chairman: Moira Allbritton

Vice Chair: Joyce Clark

Secretary: Mary Conroy

Treasurer: Bill Cary

Member(s) At-Large: Theresa Michel and Christy Scadden

Stephanie Fimbres made a motion to approve the CAC 2010/2011 Executive Committee Slate as read. Mary Conroy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Report

CAC Meeting Schedule 2010/2011-action

Moira Allbritton presented the meeting schedule for next year. The general membership meetings will fall on the second Thursday of each month, except for 4 November. Mary Conroy made a motion to approve the 2010/2011 CAC general membership meeting schedule. Maleia Christian seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Above and Beyond Awards

The Above and Beyond Award nomination forms are available. There is a lower than expected number of nominations and the committee will be meeting to make their selections for this year's nominations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRESS REPORT:

Susan Martinez gave a power point presentation, *Placement in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE): Understanding and Making the Placement Decision*, addressing some of the recommendation from the Hehir Report. Entire presentation will be made available on the district website. See also attached sheets.

- ✓ *Report status of recommendations based on the Hehir report, action steps/future steps (Student Performance/Response to Intervention, Unified System)*
Susan discussed supports being provided to schools creating more opportunities for students to attend their school of residence.
- ✓ *Special Education Division technical assistance, support plan for mentoring staff and school sites to ensure FAPE, LRE and full continuum of program options*
Susan discussed areas of strength in creating opportunities and areas of need. Did note that principals are not attending these trainings in the numbers the department would like.
- ✓ *ARRA Funds Status (Stimulus Dollars): i21Century Classroom and Professional Development Plan/Timeline*
ARRA funds must be spent by September 2011- \$13.7 million

Program and Operations Update:

- ✓ *Staffing/Budget Cuts/Organization/Structure*
CAST will roll out 18 August-more information to follow
EXCEED, new computer program used in IEP's, to replace the current ENCORE program-roll out September 2011

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM: Q & A

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM

Mary Conroy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Crisci seconded the motion. Motion carried.