

**District Advisory Council for Compensatory Education (DAC)
General Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2005**

Attendance of School Representatives:

Executive Board Members: Chair: Page; Executive Members: Balangon, Engle, Green, Mitchell, O'Connell, and Scott;

Elementary Compensatory Schools: Bethune/Lucero, Cabrillo/Klug, Cadman/Diaz, Carson/Rodriguez, Cubberley/Page, Encanto/Levell, Ericson/Smith, Franklin/Engle, Fulton/Long and Kennedy, Hamilton/Herndandez, Hawthorne/Page, Horton/Cowen, Jefferson/Minor, Johnson/Morris, Jones/O'Connell, Kimbrough/Gomez, Lindbergh/Schweitzer/ Scott, McKinley/Rose-Weber, Miller/Searles, Oak Park/Osawa, Perry/Rosevear, Ross/Elliott, Rowan/Brown, Sequoia/Pollock, Spreckels/McConnell, Toler/Brown, Valencia Park/Temple, Walker/Clark, Zamorano/Barnhart;

Middle Level Compensatory Schools: Clark/Santana, Dana/Powell, Lewis/Link, Mann/Trueblood, Taft/Page, Wangenheim/O'Connell;

Senior High Compensatory Schools: Kearny School of Health&Environment/ Savage, Morse/Green, SD High CIMA/Morales, SD High School of Business/Jordan, SD High Science & Technology/Mitchell;

Atypical Compensatory Schools: Gompers High/Balangon;

Non-Title I Schools: Marvin/Freeman, Silver Gate/Sutherland;

District Staff: Anderson, De Angel, Diaz, Dusharme, Hightower, Navallez, Palkowitz, Quezada;

Members of the Public: Ambrose, Cutler, Gayto, Glanz, Gonzalez, Harris, Hart, Jubala, Madueno, Minor, Newton, Pasko, Ross, Schenk.
David Page (Page), DAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Chairperson's Report

➤ **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the January 19, 2005, meeting were reviewed. Moved (Spreckels) and approved with the following amendments:

- Searles (Miller) noted that her attendance was not recorded for the January minutes. After reviewing the attendance sheets for January, Searles was present.
- Osawa (Oak Park) was noted as a guest at the January DAC meeting. The Planning and Accountability Department had not been officially notified of her status as an SSC member and DAC representative at that time.
- Hart (O'Farrell) as a Charter School representative will be noted as a guest present at the January meeting because the school operates as their own Local Educational Agency (LEA).
- Haynes (Sequoia) was noted as a guest at the January meeting, but will be noted as present for Sequoia, an Elementary Compensatory School.

➤ **Local Board of Education Meetings:** Mr. Page gave an update on recent District Board of Education Meetings. He spoke at the February 8 Board meeting suggesting ways to gather input for the Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan revisions. The LEA Plan establishes the District goals and is intended to assist sites as they develop the many components of their school plans. The LEA Plan is under revision in efforts to update some of the criteria listed. Mr. Page expressed his concern over the lack of interaction between those who create the LEA plan and the parents and community. He would like to get more involvement from the School Board along with input from the parents before the plan is finalized.

There was also mention at a Board meeting that the Ballard Parent Center might be moved to another site. Comments were shared concerning the move to a location unfamiliar to the DAC. It was also mentioned that the current location is more convenient for the parents that participate in programs offered by the Parent Center, as well as being a safe and convenient location for DAC meetings.

➤ **State Board of Education (SBE) Committee Meeting Concerning Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) and School Accountability Report Card (SARC):** Mr. Page was invited to participate in a meeting at the California Department of Education concerning the Uniform Complaint Procedure revisions. The committee was asked to assist in the design of the complaint process. A finalized document for the process will be presented to the State Board for approval on March 9, 2005. Mr. Page will keep the council updated on the outcome.

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is still being revised at the State level. Various items are being added to the SARC including information on school maintenance, the availability of student books, requirements in teacher staffing, and other issues related to the Williams case. The additional information is intended to make the SARC a better communication tool for the community.

Executive Board Report

➤ **California Association for Compensatory Education (CACE) Conference:** Mr. Page requested approval of his attendance at the upcoming March CACE Conference. Moved (Pacific Beach Middle School), seconded (Hamilton), and passed to support Mr. Page's attendance at the CACE Conference with DAC travel funds not to exceed \$1000.

District Reports/Training/Collaboration

➤ **Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Revision:** Linda Dusharme gave an update on the process of reviewing and updating the current LEA plan. The Standards, Assessment, and Accountability Division is conducting the revision process. The LEA Plan was initially adopted and approved for 5 years by the State in 2003. Since we have had numerous changes within the district regarding the LEA Plan's 5 areas of focus, the District is revising the LEAP with input from all stakeholders. The 5 areas of focus are Improving Student Achievement, Improving High School Graduation Rates, Reducing the Dropout Rate, Improving English Learner Proficiency Levels, and Providing Safe Schools. To encourage participation, surveys may be submitted in hard copy or online. An update of the revision process will be provided at the March 2005, DAC

meeting. A copy of the District's current LEA Plan was provided to attendees. The current LEA Plan is available on the District Website.

➤ **Consolidated Application, Part II for 2004-05:** Art Palkowitz reviewed with the DAC the documentation for the State and Federal fund allocation sheets that were provided at the meeting to each attendee. He stated these two documents would be filed under the Consolidated Application Part II in March 2005. The allocations listed on the forms were for the current year (2004-05). The new allocations for next year's budget (2005-06) will be provided in June 2005 under the Consolidated Application, Part I.

The District Board of Education is considering several new proposals of the Title I Ranking Report for the 2005-06 school year. The proposals will be discussed at the March 8, 2005 Board meeting. Copies of the various Ranking Reports are available on the Board of Education website for the March 8 Board meeting.

The last item discussed was an update on major categorical funding at the District level and how some Title 1 funds are being allocated to support the Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP) from 2003. There was discussion over current and future Title I funds being used to pay for the retirement program.

Moved (Hamilton), seconded (Lindbergh/Schweitzer) and passed: David Page, DAC Chairperson, is directed not to sign the Consolidated Application Part II for 2004-05. He is to submit a letter to CDE explaining the DAC concerns regarding the use of Title 1 funds to support the SERP.

➤ **Ballard Parent Center Update:** Mary De Angel, newest member of the Ballard Parent Center staff, introduced herself and updated everyone on the classes being offered at the Parent Center.

➤ **Public Comment:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jamie Anderson.