

**District Advisory Council for Compensatory Education (DAC)
General Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2006**

Attendance of School Representatives:

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

Elementary Compensatory Schools: Rapp/Alcott, Rogers/Barnard, Lucero/Bethune, Skinner/Chesterton, Peoples/Clay, Harris/Cubberley, Bush-Cervantes/Edison, Levell/Encanto, Dewey-Hoffman/Ericson, Whitsett/Foster, Engle/Franklin, Long/Fulton, Hernandez/Hamilton, Cowen/Horton, Morris/Johnson, Gomez/Kimbrough, Dave/Lafayette, Sanchez/Lindberg-Schweitzer, O'Keefe-Weber/McKinley, Rosevear/Perry, Catton/Spreckels, Norton/Toler, Temple/Valencia Park, Price/Whitman

Middle Level Compensatory Schools: Malachowski/Dana, Loree/Lewis, Page-O'Connell/Taft, O'Connell/Wangenheim

Senior High Compensatory Schools: Savage/Kearny Science, Perez/Madison, Shpall/Mission Bay, Green/Morse, Padilla/San Diego MVPA, Mitchell/San Diego Science Tech

Atypical Compensatory Schools: Balangon/Gompers, Newton/San Diego SCPA, Mikulanis/Twain

Non-Title I Schools: Coughlan/Hage

Charter Schools: Martinez/Memorial Academy

District Staff: Andrea, Bachofer, Diaz, Dusharme, Flores, Hightower, Johnson, Loza De Garzon, T. Mitchell, Navallez, Palkowitz, Reed, Shannon, Zickert

Members of the Public: Brown, Duncan, Dunham, Griffin, F. Gonzales, J. Gonzales, B. Hammons, Hammond-William, Haney, Lucero, Montoya, Rios, Saxon, Thompson

1. **Call to Order** David Page (Page), DAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. **Chairperson's Report**
 - **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the December 14, 2005, meeting were reviewed. Cowen (Horton) raised a question regarding the actual time the meeting adjourned on December 14, 2005. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., not 8:45 p.m. Time amended. Approval of Minutes moved by (Franklin) and approved.
 - **Parent Involvement Policy:** Page stated the CDE has not delivered a response regarding whether the documents submitted by the District meet state and federal compliance requirements. Page emphasized the importance of parent involvement and remaining proactive at school sites.
 - **State and Local Board of Education Meeting:** Page stated the State Board discussed issues and concerns regarding the large percentage of students not passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). State Board decided to set aside funding for remedial programs in order to assist students in passing the exam. Students may take the

CAHSEE after graduation, and Continuing Education at the Community College level will work with students who still need to pass.

- Page stated the local Board of Education participated in a Board workshop, where one topic of discussion was Title I spending. Art Palkowitz, Manager, Office of Resource Development, will summarize the proposed funding information, carryover, and ranking report discussed at the retreat.
- **California Association of Compensatory Education (CACE):** Page covered topics scheduled at the CACE conference that would be of interest to parents. Funding to attend the conference is available through site Parent Involvement funds. Permission to attend must be obtained from the site principal, and the paperwork for registration and hotel accommodations must be secured through the site prior to attending conference. The District (through the DAC) will provide transportation to/from Los Angeles. Irene Hightower, Resource Teacher, Planning and Accountability, asked those interested to fill out the green transportation form and return it to the Planning and Accountability Department by Tuesday, January 31, 2006.

3. Executive Board Report

- **Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP) Funding:** Page stated concern that \$500,000 is coming out of Title I funds for the early retirement program. Page shared that the State has no guidelines in this matter. Page will request information from the District's finance department showing justification for this expenditure, and will request clarification at the federal level regarding its position in the matter. Page stated that Title I funds used for SERP by the District should be re-allocated to Title I schools.

4. District Reports/Training/Collaboration

- **Title I Ranking and Budget, Consolidation Application 2005-06, Part II:** Palkowitz, summarized the allocation of Title I funding for 2006-07. Three draft handouts (06-07 Title I, Part A, Basic - Positions and FTE for Central Office dated 01/18/06; 04-05 Title I, Part A, Carryover Calculation dated 01/18/06; and Legal Assurances 47-158) for discussion only were provided. A report proposing a 40 percent poverty level and a three-tiered funding allocation will be going to the Board on Tuesday, January 24, 2006. Palkowitz, Linda Dusharme, Director, Planning and Accountability, and Tom Mitchell, Director, Parent and Community Involvement answered questions from the audience regarding the proposal. Legal Assurances 1-46 handout was not available at the meeting; it will be sent to sites via school mail in the next mailing.
- **Plan Revision Timeline Information:** Terri Reed, Program Manager, Planning and Accountability, provided a copy of Administrative Circular No. 53 *Revision of Site Plans for 2006-07 School Year* for site staff and parents. School sites must revise their site plan for 2006-07, with updated timelines and associated budgets for the new fiscal year, by March 1, 2006. Correction to page 3 of circular—first paragraph under last bullet, “Program Improvement (PI) schools are required to allocate a minimum of 10 percent of

their categorical funds for professional development” should read “. . . 10 percent of their **Title 1** funds for professional development.” Sites can direct questions to Terri Reed or Irene Hightower by calling the Planning and Accountability Department at 858-496-4048. Reed and Hightower will be meeting with principals to review their site plans and budget allocations prior to submission. They are also available to meet with a site’s SSC in order to explain the planning process, answer questions about the SSC’s roles and responsibilities, and address issues and concerns.

- **DAC Forum Discussion:** There was a question and answer period where general questions related to the DAC, SSC, Parent Involvement, the planning process, and accountability issues were addressed. District staff: Mitchell, Dusharme, Reed, Hightower, Karen Bachofer, Executive Director, Standards, Assessment and Accountability, Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent, and Peggy Zickert, Program Manager, Planning and Accountability addressed numerous questions by the audience. Questions that were not addressed were collected, and time will be allotted to answer these questions at the February DAC meeting.
- **Ballard Parent Center Update:** Elneda Shannon, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Ballard Parent Center, provided three handouts (Principals of Title 1 Schools: Meet NCLB Parent Involvement Requirements, Free Parent Classes summary, and February Parenting Class Schedule) with information about classes available to principals and parents.

5. Public Comment

Second Vice Chair Tracy Mitchell reminded audience of upcoming Parent Voices for Education (PAVE) forum which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2006, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Ballard Parent Center. The topic, “What Does It Take to Educate a Child Well?” will be presented by Dr. Carl Cohn, Superintendent, San Diego City Schools; Geno Flores, Deputy Superintendent, San Diego City Schools; and Dr. Joseph Johnson, Director, National Center for Urban School Transformation, San Diego State University. Childcare, Spanish translation, and refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited. RVSP by Friday, January 27, 2006, at paveparents@sbcglobal.net.

Drawing: Won by Cowen (Horton)

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Maria D. Johnson.