

**District Advisory Council for Compensatory Education (DAC)  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2006**

Attendance of School Representatives:

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

**Elementary Compensatory Schools:** Root/Alcott, Rogers/Barnard, Duncan/Bayview, Lucero/Bethune, Peterson/Birney, Skinner/Chesterton, McCrory-Beatie/Doyle, Bush-Cervantes/Edison, Levell/Encanto, Stephens-Yoder/Ericson, Archuleta-Whitsett/Foster, Engle/Franklin, Hernandez/Hamilton, Bonnet/Hancock, Cowen-Steele/Horton, Gomez/Kimbrough, Dave/Lafayette, Sanchez/Lindberg-Schweitzer, O'Keefe-Weber/McKinley, Rosevear/Perry, Waller/Ross, Erickson/Sequoia Catton/Spreckels, Gadget/Toler, Drury/Wegeforth, Price/Whitman

**Middle Level Compensatory Schools:** Malachowski/Dana, Loree/Lewis, Trueblood/Mann Expression, Douglas/Marston, Page-O'Connell/Taft, O'Connell/Wangenheim

**Senior High Compensatory Schools:** Garcia/Crawford MVA, Savage/Kearny Science, Shpall/Mission Bay, Padilla/San Diego MVPA, Mitchell/San Diego SciTech

**Atypical Compensatory Schools:** Price/Garfield, Balangon/Gompers, Newton/San Diego SCPA, Chambliss/TRACE

**Non-Title I Schools:** Coughlan/Hage

**Charter Schools:** Gonzalez-Juarez/Promise Charter

**District Staff:** Anella, Bachofer, Diaz, Dusharme, Foster, Hightower, Johnson, Navallez, Palkowitz, Reed, Shannon, Shea, Zickert

**Members of the Public:** Alonzo, Doft, Estrada, Griffin, F. Gonzales, J. Gonzales, Hammond-William, Hammons, Haney, Pope

1. **Call to Order** David Page (Page), DAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. **Chairperson's Report**
  - **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the January 18, 2006, meeting were reviewed. Approval of Minutes moved by (SCPA) and approved.
  - **Parent Involvement Policy:** Page stated the CDE has not delivered a response.
  - **State and Local Board of Education Meeting:** Page shared that the next State Board of Education meeting will be held in Sacramento on February 22, 2006, at 10 a.m. Discussion will include history/social science textbook revisions for grades 6-9. Page shared information from the recent local Board meeting on February 14, 2006, regarding the projections for student attendance in 2006-07. Page encouraged interested members to review the proposed projections at the district's website, [www.sandi.net](http://www.sandi.net), Board of Education, February 14, 2006, Meeting, Reports, Item E.6.J.

- **California Association of Compensatory Education (CACE):** Page expressed again the importance of obtaining permission to attend the conference from the site principal, and that paperwork for registration and hotel accommodations must be secured through the site financial clerk **prior** to attending the conference. This is **in addition to** registering for the district-provided bus transportation to and from Los Angeles. Parents or staff who need assistance with travel and hotel may call the Planning and Accountability Department at 858-496-4048.

Linda Dusharme, Director, Planning and Accountability, shared information about upcoming 2006 State Title 1 Conference, which will be held in Costa Mesa on May 1-2, 2006. San Diego Unified has 22 schools that have been nominated to receive a Title 1 Academic Achievement Award. At this time conference information has not been posted to the California Department of Education web site. Once information is available, the Planning and Accountability Department will send copies to all principals and DAC members. Page asked for DAC approval to send him and one additional Executive Board member to the Title 1 Conference. Expenses would include registration and hotel for one night. Motion to approve by (Hamilton) and seconded (McKinley), voted and passed.

### 3. Executive Board Report

- **Parent Involvement Policy:** Page stated he attended a conference in Oakland for the National Coalition of Parents, Region 9. This is a national level parent involvement conference covering such topics as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and parent involvement efforts in Oakland. The conference provided an excellent forum for collaborating with other DAC chair representatives.
- **Increase DAC Attendance:** Page shared a discussion from Executive Board meeting to improve DAC attendance by using an Auto Dialing system. The DAC could purchase an Auto Dialer and maintain/manage the system via the Planning and Accountability Department. Page requested a motion from the floor to allow the district to investigate cost, options, and installation, and to set aside \$2,500 to purchase a system. Protocols for implementation can be brought back to the floor for discussion after purchase. Questions from the audience regarding cost of Auto Dialer and DAC budget balance ensued. A motion for a cap of \$2,000 and to move forward on purchase (Hamilton), seconded (Kimbrough), voted and passed. Five members opposed. Comments were heard from the opposed and further discussion ensued. Page asked members to allow a motion to increase funding from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Motion to increase (Chesterton), seconded (Garfield), voted, and passed. Eight members opposed. Audience was assured the Auto Dialer is another tool to notify members of upcoming DAC meetings. Any member may “opt out” of being contacted at home. Protocols will be brought forward and discussed at a future DAC meeting. Member (Hamilton) raised question about spending remaining 2005-06 DAC funds. Page stated that a breakdown of remaining funds could be made available at next meeting and, if possible, this information could be included in the next mail out.

4. District Reports/Training/Collaboration

- **Title I Ranking and Budget, Consolidation Application 2005-06, Part II:** Art Palkowitz, Manager, Office of Resource Development, summarized the allocation of Title I funding for 2006-07. Two handouts (Budget Workbook/07 Tentative Budget Allocations, Revision 4 and Legal Assurances 47-158) were provided for discussion only. Palkowitz reviewed 40% poverty level and three-tiered funding voted on by the Board on January 24, 2006. Palkowitz explained that site budget allocations are available on the district web page: <http://www.sandi.net/board/COMMITTEES/ACCEP/index.html> (see Title I Ranking, Participation, and Budget Allocation. Palkowitz made available a copy of the Consolidation Application Report. This report is filed with the State and details each site's categorical budget allocations and the different types of funding each site receives. Palkowitz stated the district's obligation is to consult and discuss report with the DAC Chair. The DAC membership has the option of approving the Con App, or voting to allow the DAC chair to approve it. Palkowitz shared an example of a budget workbook in order to familiarize the audience with the process the principals use to allocate funds. Dusharme and Debbie Foster, Budget Supervisor, Categorical Funding, strongly expressed the need for sites and parents/community to collaborate and share ideas during the site planning process.
- **2005 Accountability Progress Report Update:** Dusharme provided two handouts of the final state reports (yellow 04-05 API Report, Rev. 01/18/05, and the purple '05 APR Report, Rev. 01/31/06). Dusharme summarized changes and improvements from both reports. Dusharme stated API Base Report is due for release at the end of March, and as soon as it is released, copies will be made available. Dusharme took questions from the audience.
- **Planning and Accountability Information:** Terri Reed, Program Manager, Planning and Accountability Department, introduced new resource teachers. John Anella can be reached at 858-496-4055 and Kerry Shea at 858-496-4056. Reed reviewed Calendar of Events handout covering important test dates and upcoming events. An audience member suggested that high performing schools be invited to future DAC meetings to share their strategies for success.
- **DAC Forum Discussion:** Page stated responses from Q/A are not yet available. Dusharme shared that many of the questions were directed to the appropriate department and once all responses have been received, the responses would go out in the next mailer in order to give members time to review prior to the next meeting. Page stated questions could also be directed to his attention via phone or email [Somepages@netscape.net](mailto:Somepages@netscape.net).
- **Ballard Parent Center Update:** Handouts were provided of upcoming parent classes for February and March 2006. Contact Elneda Shannon, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Ballard Parent Center, at 619-293-4431.

5. Public Comment: Question was raised regarding a proposal to turn some elementary schools into K-8 schools. Page shared that he has heard some discussion but does not know the Superintendent's stand on this topic. At this time the proposal is speculative; Page stated that members can contact their site governance team and/or the district's Parent Support and Board Services Department for more information.

Drawing: Won by Root (Alcott), O'Keefe (McKinley), and Catton (Spreckles).

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.  
Minutes recorded by Maria D. Johnson.