

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

Attendance of School Representatives:

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

Elementary Compensatory Schools: Domingo/Adams, Griffin/Angier, Duncan/Bayview, Lucero/Bethune, Skinner/Chesterton, Peoples/Clay, Beatie/Doyle, Bush-Cervantes/Edison, Levell/Encanto, Ansteasi/Ericson, Whitsett/Foster, Engle/Franklin, Long/Fulton, Hernandez/Hamilton, Page/Hawthorne, Cowen-Steele/Horton, Garibay/Jackson, Medina/Jones, Gomez/Kimbrough, Sanchez/Lindberg-Schweitzer, McKay/Loma Portal, O'Keefe-Weber/McKinley, Penn/Schillinger, Rosevear/Perry, Sherman/Gonzalez, Borders/Toler, Price/Whitman

Middle Level Compensatory Schools: Schillinger/Bell, 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, Green/Morse, Mitchell/San Diego Science Tech

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

Non-Title I Schools: Gonzales/Kumeyaay

Charter Schools: None

District Staff: Andrea, Bachofer, Diaz, Dusharme, Erdmann, Hightower, Johnson, Palkowitz, Reed, Shannon, Zickert

Members of the Public: Bernadette M., Crawford, Frangkiser, Garcia, Gilliam, Hammond-William, Hammons, Haney, Lucero, Marin, Martin, Rios

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 February 15, 2006, meeting were reviewed. Approval of minutes moved by (Franklin), show of hands (16), approved.
 - **State and Local Board of Education Meeting:** Page shared that State Board of Education had discussed public concerns about students who were not able to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Proposed options that allowed students to receive a diploma without passing the CAHSEE were denied by the State board and the State Superintendent of Schools. Page stated that school districts must provide additional resources at the site level for students who still need to pass the exam.

Page provided handout (light green, Agenda Section 7d-Finance Report) with information from March 14, 2006, Board meeting action item, which recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Second Interim Financial Report and to authorize transfer of funds among block grant/categorical programs allowed under AB 825 Categorical Education Block Grant legislation. Page took questions regarding this handout from the general body.

- **California Association of Compensatory Education (CACE) Conference:** Page shared that at the recent CACE Conference in Los Angeles, Mrs. Diane Haney, PTA President and SSC Chairperson for Madison High School, was recognized and given an award for “Parent of the Year” for her efforts to increase parent involvement.

Tracy Mitchell, DAC Executive Member, shared some of the topics covered and information she learned at the recent CACE Conference. Marla O’Connell, DAC Executive Member, stated that she was impressed with the information provided at the workshops she attended, such as the stress and trauma students experience daily, strategies for parents working with schools, and teen court programs.

- **State Title I Conference:** Page requested a motion from the general body for an additional DAC Executive Member to attend the State Title 1 conference in May using funds from the DAC’s 2005-06 budget. Tracy Mitchell and Helen Green, DAC Executive Board Members, would both like to attend. Motion to approve funds for additional member to attend (Birney), seconded (Hamilton), voted, and approved. None opposed.

3. Executive Board Report

- **Parent Involvement Policy:** Page stated the CDE has not delivered a response.
- **Increase DAC Attendance:** Page shared details about Auto-Dialing System cost, options, and installation. Page discussed warranty information and maintenance costs after the initial year: an annual maintenance/technical support policy would cost \$200 per year versus \$175 per maintenance incident. Discussion ensued. Engle expressed need for the additional year of maintenance/technical support and shared his knowledge of the proposed system. Motion to purchase additional year maintenance contract (Jackson), seconded (Lewis), voted, and approved. Five members opposed.
- **DAC Budget for 2005-06:** Page discussed 2005-06 DAC budget expenditures (white sheet, Detail Budget Transaction Report Summary March 15, 2006). Page explained there were several items of interest—recognition of the 22 Title 1 Academic Achieving Schools and a June potluck—that would require a vote to allocate 05-06 funds. Discussion from the general body ensued regarding spending of unallocated 05-06 DAC funds. Linda Dusharme (Dusharme), Director, Planning and Accountability, answered specific questions regarding carryover, and clarified that funds not expended in 2005-06 will be returned to the district’s Title I budget for reallocation in 2006-07.

Page requested a motion and vote for the following:

1. Motion (Hamilton) to allocate DAC funds for the purchase of books, one set per site, not to exceed \$100 per school, to recognize Title I Academic Achieving Schools, seconded (Gompers), and approved. None opposed.
2. Motion (Bell) to allocate DAC funds for catered food in lieu of potluck at June DAC meeting, seconded (Kimbrough), and approved. Six opposed.
3. Motion (McKinley) to place a cap of \$1,000, or \$10 per person, allocated for the June catered event, seconded (Wangenheim), and approved. Three opposed.

4. District Reports/Training/Collaboration

- **Consolidation Application 2005-06, Part II:** Page discussed Uniform Complaint regarding Title 1 Money/Supplemental Early Retirement (Page letter dated February 28, 2006). Page expressed his concern about the use of Title I funds for on a Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP) that according to federal documents is not allowable. Page stated he believes there has been no cooperation from the district to have a current, state-approved Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan that indicates compliance with the Legal Assurances relating to LEA Plans and Parent Involvement. Page does not wish to sign off on the Consolidated Application (Con App) and would like to attach his Uniform Complaint letter to the Con App until the issue regarding the SERP is addressed.

Page directed members to the next handout (white sheet, Consolidated Application Part II and the LEA Plan), his May 2005 letter to County and District Superintendents, Consolidated Programs Directors, Consolidated Programs Cooperative Directors, and administrators of Direct-Funded Charter Schools. Engle (Franklin) asked what impact the letter would have in regards to the Con App, and whether the CDE would freeze the district's Title I funds.

Page is asking for a current LEA Plan from the district to be submitted with the Consolidated Application. Page stated the DAC is entitled to submit a document regarding concerns over the Con App, and that the California Department of Education (CDE) is required to investigate when all parties have not signed off on the Con App. Page would like to use this strategy in order to bring the CDE's attention to the complaint and thereby trigger an investigation into why the district does not have a current LEA Plan.

Dusharme stated that the district does have a current LEA Plan that received a five-year approval in June of 2003 from the CDE and is therefore currently in operation. By June 2008, the district is required to submit a new LEA Plan. If there are any updates to the current state-approved LEA Plan, the district is only required to submit updates as needed. Dusharme also pointed out that during the Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR) conducted by the CDE in April 2005, the LEA Plan was reviewed and found in compliance. Dusharme stated that this might not be the appropriate arena to bring this issue to the forefront.

Art Palkowitz (Palkowitz), Manager, Office of Resource Development, proposed that rather than submitting the Con App to the CDE without the required signatures, the Con App could be signed and submitted with the proviso that there is a dispute over the use

of Title 1 funds for SERP. This would indicate to the CDE that there has been consultation between the district and the DAC. Palkowitz asked Page to work with him to resolve this issue.

Page asked for a motion from the floor to submit the complaint along with the cover page of the Con App without signatures. Moved (Fulton), seconded (Hamilton), and approved. Three opposed.

Palkowitz shared three handouts (white-Con App for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, pink-EIA allocations, purple-Title I allocations) that will be made available on the website showing the Title I allocation for 2005-06, which is the reporting mechanism demonstrating how Title I funds were spent in the 2005-06 school year. Palkowitz answered additional questions from participants regarding carryover funds.

Engle (Franklin) asked Palkowitz to address an earlier discussion regarding the \$11.1 million transfer of funds approved by the Board of Education. Palkowitz explained that the funds are from the Targeted Instructional Improvement Grant (TIIG), a block grant that was originally awarded to the district as integration funds. The money was allocated to sites for integration purposes. The CDE is allowing districts statewide to transfer restricted funds to unrestricted accounts in order to cover expenditures in their current budgets in areas such as health coverage, transportation, and salary increases.

- **Board of Education Meeting Agenda Format:** Cheryl Ward, Director, Parent Support and Board Services, was unable to address general body about recent changes to the Board agenda due to illness. She will return in April with the presentation.
- **DAC Forum Discussion:** Page directed general body to the DAC Forum Question and Answer responses (tan-dated January 18, 2006). Because of the length of the responses, Page proposed to the members that this item be tabled until April in order to allow members time to review the document. Motion to table item (Birney), seconded (Bayview Terrace), and approved. None opposed.
- **Ballard Parent Center Update:** Elneda Shannon, Supervising Administrative Assistant, Ballard Parent Center, provided a handout of upcoming parent classes for March and May 2006 (white sheet) along with a “draft” guide (Ways to Increase Family Involvement and Participation) to help principals meet NCLB Parent Involvement Requirements. Shannon asked members to continue encouraging their parents to use the Parent Center, and to speak to their principals about the many resources (including childcare) available at no cost to all Title 1 schools in the district.

5. Public Comment: None.

Drawing: Won by Peterson (Birney), Cowen (Horton), and Borders (Toler).

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
Minutes recorded by Maria D. Johnson.