

# **CAC**

## **Community Advisory Committee For Special Education**

Advising the Board of Education  
San Diego Unified School District

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 13, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Ballard Center, 2375 Congress Street, San Diego, CA 92110

#### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:**

##### **Called to order at 7:04PM**

Meeting called to order at the Chairperson, Mina Kern, welcomed attendees and introduced CAC members, district staff and administrators, and acknowledged parents. The Chair reviewed the agenda, meeting format and structure, membership procedures and process for providing public comment.

##### **UDL Presentation:**

Sonia Picos – Presented

Provided basic information regarding UDL. Shared [“A Parent’s Guide For the assessment process: Quality Assessment Reports”](#)

##### **Public Testimony (7:41PM):**

**The CAC invites the public to address the Committee and District about topics of interest or concern regarding students with IEPs in SDUSD. We provide a form to document comments and facilitate CAC follow-up with the district on matters that impact students. Due to confidentiality, personal concerns will be addressed privately with designated district staff. District will make an effort to respond to general questions as appropriate and time allows.**

**Copies of public forum comments and questions for the meeting can be obtained from the secretary or Chair.**

##### **CAC Business: (7:47PM)**

##### **ROLL CALL/MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**Present: Mina Kern, Christy Scadden, Terrence Bobryk-Ozaki, Raylene Dickinson, Moira Albritton, Caroline Kelner, William Cary, Julia Childs Andrews, Joyce Clark, Maria Corral, Michelle Crisci, Susan Fanno, Connie Ghearhart, Megan Glynn, Ellen Herroon, Nancy Kirkman, Teresa Michel, Brook Markley**

**Absent:** Kristin Gohlke, Maria Riedel, Leticia Ruiz-Mylenek, Maggie Offerman (LOA)

**Ex-Officio:**

Sonia Picos – Executive Director

Cathie Whitley– Director, TOC

Dr. Joe Fulcher- Chief Student Services Officer

**Quorum established**

**Approve October 2014 CAC General meeting minutes – Action**

Moira makes a motion and Christy seconds

13 – voted for the motion

0 – voted against the motion

2 – abstained

Motion carries

**Chair Report**

CAC response to SDEA/SDUSD collective bargaining

Trustees:

Currently, SDUSD is undergoing collective bargaining negotiations with SDEA to renew the educators' contract. The CAC is closely monitoring these negotiations as certain proposals have been made that, if agreed to by both parties, could yield systemic noncompliance.

As your advisory committee for special education, we remind Trustees that IDEA and California Ed Code governs eligibility determination, IEP development, and implementation of services and supports -- as well as issues of Least Restrictive Environment and procedural safeguards. These rules are specific, and non-negotiable.

We urge this Board and its representatives to be mindful of the laws regarding students with disabilities and ensure that the needs and perspectives of students with disabilities is of utmost consideration throughout all negotiations.

Sincerely,

Scott Barnett's Response:

Thank you for your email

I would encourage you to be as specific as possible with your concerns, and share them with your members and the media and the public at large. These closed door discussions have historically resulted in agreements which put adults before kids

CAC response to ITP – file complaint with OCR on behalf of all SDUSD students of transition age.

BoE report was on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> – Special Ed Dept will return on Dec for their formal response.

Calendar committee –

On Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> the District Calendar Committee voted to accept new start dates. They will be presenting these proposed calendars at the November 18th Board of Education meeting for discussion and potential approval.

The proposal includes these changes:

- In 2015-16 the traditional school year would start on August 31, 2015 (before Labor Day) and end on June 13, 2016.
- In 2016-17 the traditional school year would start on August 29, 2016 and end on June 12, 2017.
- Year-round school has a shortened summer break, from 6 weeks to 5 weeks and a longer spring break, of more than 4 weeks.

Christy's formal response - CAC advises the committee submit both calendars to the BOE and get parent input through a survey. Currently only specific parent groups are in this committee and not all stakeholders are represented. CAC has advised the calendar committee to change calendars at one time when traditional and year round calendars are to be aligned. Continual changes are especially challenging for families of students with disabilities.

Christy and I did meet with Supt Martin this afternoon. She will be our guest presenter at next month's meeting. We did discuss the SDEA bargaining, the La Jolla MOU, transition, and A-G graduation issues. We asked that she give sort of a state of the district talk but with special education as an emphasis. Where are we now, where are we going, how are we going to get there?

Sign up to bring something for next month's meeting (6pm). Meeting will begin at 6:30.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS REPORT:**

Sonia Picos – Reports

Monday the principals are attending a professional development and promoting deeper level thinking. Working around A-G requirements and CAC did request more details.

Sonia reports that what comes across on paper is what is reported and people read things out of context and this is a bargaining request. We are very aware of what is non negotiable and we are really hearing what teachers need and trying to address some of those needs outside of the contract.

Any concerns that you have to date I have been bringing it to the table and we will be moving into a new IEP system and going thru professional development during the summer and starting it in the fall. We are working to improve our practice and the way the IEP looks. The new system was selected and board approved and works with teams on the forms and we are going to finish the year with the current system. The current information will be imported into the new system. We will update according.

Early childhood and I know we will continue to work and CAC does have questions. Standing weekly meeting with Dr Cannada and to ensure everything is going smoothly.

We have 49 due process cases currently and we have no teacher vacancies currently.

All IEPs that were held and reviewed by school managers and providing feedback and in what areas were they complaint and what support they need.

Michelle motions and Christy Seconds motion to adjourned  
Adjourn at 8:09 p.m.