

Community Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday December 6th, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order

Sharnell Blevins, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Claudia Lozano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Two speakers spoke for 2 minutes each. Roberto Fonseca spoke to recommend that the CAC establish quorum before doing any CAC business, like updates, and he stated that abstentions are not necessary according to parliamentary law. Yolande Beckles talked about the Superintendent's meeting the week prior and expressed the wish of having a subcommittee in the CAC for African Americans and children in regular education.

Inclusion Activity

Linda Hall, CAC Vice-Chairperson asked the members to discuss what they would like to see at the CAC Summit on 3/3/18. What types of workshops would you like to see? What vendors? She stated that characters from Star Wars attended last year. Officers joined the tables for discussions.

Parent and Community Services Update

Dr. Lugo, PCS Administrator started with good thoughts for the people in the fire zones. She mentioned that Mr. Fonseca led a workshop in Parliamentary Procedure the day before, and hopefully there will be others. Dr. Lugo stated learned one thing in particular; address each other as "member", or "chairperson". Dr. Lugo had a concern about the tone of some of our meetings; remember to always respect each other. Respect is not only for kids but also towards fellow parents, teachers, staff, and guests who come to present, even if we do not agree with everything they say. Presume positive intentions when comments are made. The Superintendent has told me that next month we have been invited to make comments on Federal policies for the District. There will be Data Chats with parents. Three meetings starting in January on California Dashboard, 23rd of January, 28th of February and 20th of March. Dr. Lugo also learned from Monday's training about aspects of the bylaws. She instructed members to look in their packet for a copy of the latest CAC bylaws. The last revision was in 2014. In April of 2018, CAC members will vote on bylaws.

Roll Call/Establish Quorum

At 10:46am Ana Carrion, CAC Secretary took roll. 21 were present and quorum was established. In response to a question from a member stating that a majority of the members should be parents of students with disabilities, it was determined that the criteria was met, as 11 were parents and 10 were members in other categories.

Chairperson's Report

Sharnell Blevins, CAC Chairperson stated that she appreciated the meeting with Superintendent Ekchian who took questions even when her staff was available. Next meeting would be February 22nd 2018.

Motions

Zella Knight moved a motion and it was seconded by Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton to move the order of the day, moving the approval of minutes up on the agenda for approval now. 18 yes, 2 no and 1 abstention. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Zella Knight to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Mary Lee, 18 yes, 1 abstention. Motion passed. Paul Robak had moved to include all categories in CAC for the SELPA Local Plan Review committee. The motion was seconded by Ana Carrion. Zella Knight questioned that Paul Robak as Parliamentarian wanted to keep his motion on the table. According to Diane Panossian, Administrator at PCS, the Chair has to decide. Paul Robak withdrew his motion and Ana Carrion withdrew her second.

Selection of Members for SELPA Local Plan Review Committee

Sharnell Blevins, CAC Chair. CAC members select which members will represent the CAC on the Local Plan Review Committee, 4 parents and chair are needed. First, a change in the law was discussed. Special Ed will be addressing Dyslexia. Must be approved by the School Board in June. Zella Knight first put her name but then withdrew it. The others are: Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton, Claudia Lozano, Lia Martin, Mary Lee, Benita Cabrera and Sharnell Blevins. At 11:52 am Jacquelyn Conkleton moved to close the names for the SELPA Review Committee. Mary Lee seconded, a roll call vote was taken. Motion passed with 17 approving and 1 abstention.

Greetings from the Division of Special Education, Division Of Special Education Update

Beth Kauffman, Associate Superintendent, was absent but Veronica Smith, MCD Director, MCD Monitoring/Special Education Policies and Procedures went over the upcoming spring semester parent workshops. She introduced LaTanya Tolan, Specialist Parent and Community Liaison MCD Monitoring/Special Ed Policies and Procedures, who went over topics that will be covered next semester.

Presentation on Local Plan Section X – Charter Schools

- What a Charter School is
- National and Local Landscape
- Special Education Students Served at Charter Schools
- Types of Support given to Charters serviced by LAUSD
- Local Plan and Charter Schools

Dixon Deutsch, Director Charter Operated Programs Division of Special Education gave a handout and analyzed the topics listed above. Zella Knight interjected that charters were not meeting expectations with regard to expulsion of African Americans etc. and Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton asked regarding City of Angels School. As LAUSD is the authorizer regarding the SELPA, who then is responsible for results before 01/20/2018? Mr. Deutsch replied that it was an affiliated school, not independent charter. Dixon Deutsch stated his team is there to support schools, not to close them down.

We learned that there were 6900 charter schools nationwide, serving more than 3 million students. New Orleans is 100% charter, while DC is 50% charter. In L.A. there are 277 charter schools, 53 affiliated and 224 independent. They serve 150,000 students in K-12, the Charter School Division oversees the authorizing of these schools.

Agenda Recommendations for January 17 and February 21, 2018 CAC Meetings

Sharnell Blevins led the conversation. There are several recommendations: 1) Update re: Performance Indicator Report and re: DINC (Data Identified Non-Compliant) schools. 2) Subgroup data 3) Parent training summit 4) Review of bylaws 5) 504-IEP data 6) Data on SSPT.

Announcements from Members and PCS Staff

Linda Hall, CAC Vice-Chair alluded to the Special Education budget, report on inclusion task force. December 8th and December 14, there will be coffee with the Associate Superintendent. SPED Symposium is in March. Diane Panossian pointed to the insert in the package given to members regarding the Draft of LAUSD's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Review and Feedback Meetings coming up Wednesday January 24, 2018 and Tuesday February 6, 2018 from 10am to 1pm at PCS.

Adjournment

Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 pm; it was seconded by Lisa Mosko.

Respectfully submitted by Ana Carrion, Secretary