



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Parent and Community Services
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Minutes

- I. Welcome/Call to Order:
Kathy Kantner, CAC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:
The flag salute was led by Paul Robak, CAC Member.
- III. Office of Parent and Community Services Update:
Diane Panossian, Parent and Community Services, Administrator, gave an update.

She thanked everyone for the CAC Summit.

She announced that the new Parent and Community Administrator is Dr. Rosalinda Lugo who will begin in May. Dr. Lugo is currently a Director overseeing the schools in Local District West. She'll join the CAC meeting in May to give an update.

Members were given a stack of PASSPort post cards to take back to their school and families.

The Bylaw recommendations are being typed and organized for review by CAC members, sometime in May. A special meeting will be held in June to vote on the revised CAC bylaws.
- IV. Public Comment: *Five speakers, two minutes each*
The public was allowed a limited time of two (2) per speaker to address the membership (Pursuant to Board Rules 131-137).

There were no public comments.
- V. 2nd Annual Parent Summit Update
Kathy Kantner, CAC Chair and Jacquelyn Smith-Conkleton, Vice Chair, presented.

Summit was held on Saturday, March 25 from 8:30 am to 2 pm. There were 130 participants, 40 children. It was an inclusive and heartwarming day.

Café LA provided breakfast and lunch.

Leah Brackins, PCS staff, spoke about possible having a planning Summit meeting on Saturday. Members would like Saturday meeting to cover CAC packets to IEP parents, online packets, and what are our protocols. More information to come out soon.

Laura Baz, CAC member, thanked everyone for the Summit and said you did an extraordinary job.

CAC presented flowers to Leah Brackins to thank her for all of her hard work.

VI. Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Members were seated and roll was conducted by Sharnell Blevins, CAC Secretary at 10:26 a.m.

Quorum was established with 22 members present.

VII. Minutes:

A vote to approve minutes was facilitated by Kathy Kantner, CAC Chairperson. It was asked if there were any corrections, deletions or additions; followed by discussion. Paul Robak, CAC member made a motion to approve the minutes from **March 15 2017** with the necessary corrections, deletions or additions. Claudia Lozano, CAC member seconded the motion.

19 were in favor, 1 was against 0 abstained. The motion passed.

The following members voted to approve the minutes:

Jessie Bailey	Mary Lee
Laura Baz	Claudia Lozano
Sharnell Blevins	Eva Moreno
Benita Cabrera	Paul Robak
Dr. Miranda Conston-Raof	Raul Ruiz
Deann Dantignac	Jacquelyn Smith Conkleton
Linda Hall	Rosa Villegas
Amy Hanreddy	Hattie Walker
Brenda Hopwood	Cindy Jones
Kathy Kantner	Zella Knight - against

VIII. Legislative Update:

Pedro Salcido, Interim Co-Director, Office of Governmental Relations and Local Control and Accountability Administrator. He stated he wanted to have a conversation with the CAC members. A lot is changing in Special Education and Education on the State Legislative level. There are strong delegations who represent LAUSD.

One of the challenges is that the Governor is taking a step back. The governor will not give additional early education monies but lessen regulations for early education facilities.

He spoke about the PPIC report of delivery models of monies and programs. LAUSD has declining enrollment and an increase of its special education population. Current formula of providing special education monies doesn't acknowledge an increase of LAUSD's special education population. LAUSD is engaging in special education funding conversation (two year conversation). LAUSD's broader conversation is monitoring how the legislature will hold charter schools accountable for serving special education students and sending them to LAUSD schools. LAUSD wants a differentiated funding model for moderate/severe special education students.

Members requested that bills affecting education and special education be presented to the CAC regularly.

Mr. Salcido is willing to return and speak to CAC about legislation, closer to budget time.

He will investigate the Brown Act and its governance on the CAC procedures. He will present his findings to CAC.

Member asked for legislative update written at every CAC meeting and a face to face interaction at the least every 2 months.

LAUSD is focusing on:

1. Primary funding of special education services equity
2. Providing model intervention support of students
3. Differentiated type of funding (grants)
4. Investment of pre-school special education
5. Held accountable for those students.

He also spoke about the following bills:

SB 354 – LAUSD is neutral

AB 1264 – LAUSD is not strong opposition; working to lessen complication at school site

AB 312 – LAUSD not engaging in discussion; bill allows other SELPA's to receive LAUSD funding formula

AB 1449 – LAUSD supports

Member asked about how Andrews Supreme Court case affects LAUSD. LAUSD's policies are above and beyond what this case was indicated.

IX. Special Education Teacher Certifications, Pathways, and Training in California

Amy Hanreddy, PhD, CAC member and CSUN instructor, presented.

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing handles all teaching credentials on special education and general education. It's a separate body than the California Department of Education. Special Education credentials cover ages 0-5, K-12, and 18-22. General Education credentials cover K -12. There are 6 key areas of standards in common for all credentials. Special Education sub meanings being revised now. There is talk to change the mild/moderate and moderate/severe credential with a mild to severe credential with specialties. Recommendation should be coming soon. 38% in California intern teachers teaching in special education.

X. How to navigate LAUSD Website for Special Education Resources

Gloria Acosta, Senior Parent Facilitator, PCS, walked members through the different landing pages of LAUSD's Special Education website. She also showed that legal/lawyer services for special education are found on the Health and Human Services website of LAUSD.

XI. New Business

Kathy Kantner, CAC Chair, gave information to why the Special Education staff was not in attendance of today's meeting.

Alvaro Alvarenga, PCS Administrator, announced that Sharnell Blevins, Geo Cable, and Leah Brackins would be attending SELPA Legislative Day.

Elsa Tinoco, Parent Educator Coach, announced that Local District Central will hold a Parent Summit on April 29.

XII. Announcements from Members and PCS Staff

Laura Baz, CAC member, spoke about study on improving transition for students with autism.

Jenny Rosales, CAC Parliamentarian, announced LCAP meeting at Huntington Park HS on April 20 at 8:30 am

Member voiced opinion on alleged secret ballot to choose CAC's SELPA Legislative Day attendees.

Member voiced violation of Brown Act due to alleged deviation of CAC agenda.

XIII. Affirmation Reports

There were no affirmation reports given

XIV. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned due to exceeded time of meeting.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Sharnell Blevins, CAC Secretary.