



CAC
Chairperson's Report

Meeting Date: May 15, 2019

Chairperson's Name: Lisa Mosko

Meetings/Trainings attended or upcoming meetings:

April 15, 2019

Officers Planning Meeting

- Reviewed evaluations from April 15th CAC meeting
- Planned for May 15th CAC

April 26, 2019

IEP Training

Updates on Request by CAC members

This is our final regular CAC meeting for 2018-19. Please keep an eye on the PCS Calendar for the 2019-20 calendar.

Other items:

Dear CAC Members,

This is our last meeting for the year, and I've been reflecting a great deal on our work together as a committee. With Dr. Mahmud's help, I've put together a list of our accomplishments this year as a committee:

1. Members have established quorum for every meeting. In years past, this has not been the case!
2. By the end of our May meeting, the CAC will have had *at least* an orientation of every section of the Local Plan, as well as the Annual Services Plan and Annual Budget Plan.
3. During the regular meetings members have had some thoughtful presentations in partnership with the Division of Special Education on topics such as Behavior Support and Charter Programs.
4. We have created a Legislative (ad hoc) Committee.
5. There have been many trainings outside of the regular meetings on topics CAC members requested: IEP (offered twice-Fall and Spring), Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Education Code, and Dyslexia.

I want to emphasize this last point. As per CA Ed code, one of the CAC's responsibilities is to assist in parent education around Special Education programming and policies in LAUSD. These trainings were ones that the CAC members specifically requested. This is important work, and we should be proud of this! These workshops are such excellent resources for parents and other members of the special ed community in LAUSD.

However it's challenging for many of us to come downtown in the middle of a work day and attend these trainings. Through various conversations with Dr. Mahmud and

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the rest of the PCS staff, I am delighted to say that I have their commitment to providing some of these workshops online.

I would also like to highlight a request that I made to the LAUSD School board during my last report on the CAC. I let the board know of the Office of PCS' commitment to getting these workshops online. I also asked them if they would consider creating a resolution that would ensure easier access to information about Special Education programs and policies for parents. The idea is to make workshops such as the IEP trainings available online, as well as information that will support parents in being more informed partners and participants in the special education of their children. The majority of the board members agreed to the idea, and my hope is that they will draft a resolution that would help support parents easily access more information online about special education in LAUSD online.

I would love to hear your thoughts about what kind of information you'd like to see available online.. Dr. Mahmud has been kind of enough to include an extra box in the evaluation forms for your comments on this topic. Please be sure to fill them out!

Lastly, I wanted to thank you for all of the support you've given to my fellow officers and me this past year. I've been honored to chair the CAC these past several months. It has been exciting work, and not without its challenges. While I've been motivated to push forward with new ideas as the committee chair, one of the biggest challenges I faced was not having a reference point on hand for what has been done in the past. This committee also tends to have many new members every year, who are coming in without a great deal of background information on what to expect. Because of this, I will be working with Dr. Mahmud to create a comprehensive onboarding document for all new members and officers, so that when we begin the new year in August, we will have better clarity as to the best to move forward.

Thank you, and please be in touch! It's been a great pleasure to work together with all of you this year, all towards the common goal of improving special education in LAUSD for all kids with special needs.