

Committee Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Call to Order:

Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed her gratitude to the persons interested in being nominated and their presentations.

Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Ann Pearson, Assistant Director Special Education, reviewed meeting guidelines and Roberts Rules.

Declaration of Quorum:

Twenty-two members in attendance

SBCUSD Board Member Ms. Mayra Ceballos personally thanked the person(s) who nominated her for a couple of positions as an officer for the CAC. She also explained that she needed to decline and remove herself from the membership list. This is a parent committee and she wants to make sure there is no confusion because now she is a District Board Member. She stated that she would continue attending the CAC meetings.

Dr. Monarrez also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she was looking forward to seeing the videos of the nominees.

Public Comments (In Person):

Ann Pearson gave an overview on how to address the public comments; participants will have two minutes to make their comments.

Member Alfredo Agüero brought up the following:

- Clarification is needed to be discussed regarding the voting for officers because they need to be voted staggered, we cannot vote for all of the officers at once. He also stated that other members have difficulties getting into our Zoom meetings. People cannot participate due to the technology.

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- We need to consider bylaws, the Brown Act and teach parents of how this committee functions.
- We need parent's' support and a suggestion to revise the bylaws to elect more parliamentarians to be able to be present at the meetings when an officer cannot attend.

Member Alma Lopez stated that transparency is very important when we will be counting the ballots to elect the officials.

Member Latoya Smith commented that the bylaws state that people who do not attend the meeting should be removed. In addition, the *Chat* is being submitted in English and Spanish, and we need someone to translate what they are saying so we can understand what is being said and respond to what they are saying.

Member Amy Noel stated that she agrees to put in the agenda how many meeting participants should attend before removing them, maybe 5 meetings, also having an assigned translator for the chat and also to put on the agenda to continue having virtual meetings after resuming in person; it has been easier to attend the virtual meetings. She extended the invitation for the Facebook support group available for parents, the link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1783933931759364>

Member Amada Fitzpatrick stated that the messages in the chat should be utilized to place comments in regards to the meeting for everyone to read and if they have personal messages this should go directly to the intended person.

Member Liliana Cruz commented that the bylaws should have been revised early on. She added that we are still doing the same thing and not moving forward and that we need more members for this committee.

Public Comments (Previously Submitted):

Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela read the public comments previously submitted.

Member Roxana Cervantes In reference to the CAC meetings and committee may I suggest that you work hard to build a true sense of TRUST in order to motivate parental involvement and commitment in supporting Special Education. Close communication between Parents and Administrators, both in schools and at the District level, is essential to be enriched. I invite action to be taken in all circumstances where there is suspicion, whether by parents or administrators, of the possible existence of a disability in any student, whether it is visible or not. Well, the non-visible disabilities are being ignored tremendously and are not being supported by the relevant services.

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In the same way, I would like to suggest the following material that can serve as a guide to the next officers to improve the function and objectives of the CAC (available only in English, but it would

be of great benefit if a translation into Spanish was to be carried out for all participants to understand):

<https://www.globaldisabilityrightsnow.org/sites/default/files/related-files/338/California%20Community%20Advisory%20Committee%20Handbook.pdf>

Member Lori Parra would like to see when we get our public comments read out if they can also post it up while being read. As well when public comments are verbally speaking, if we can have a five-minute to deliver a message just like the board meetings have with a timer on. Thank you for your time.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Lundy inquired if there were any corrections.

Member Alfredo Aguero wanted to know if the corrections he had requested prior to this meeting were taking care of.

Dr. Lundy's response was that the minutes are sent in advance for the members to read, and if there are any corrections to make, the corrections are made with all the members present. Then minutes may be approved.

Member Latoya Smith had requested in the prior meeting that the English and Spanish chat comments needed to be translated. Changes were made to address her request.

Member Catalina Castillo made the motion to accept the corrections on the minutes.

Member Mia Cooper seconded the motion.

Presentation of the Nominations

Dr. Lundy acknowledged that parents of special needs students had put a lot of work into this nomination process. She reminded all the participants that:

- We voted as a membership to hold nominations in March
- CAC elections are April
- We will have officers training in May
- Officers will begin in June

We voted on Option #2 at our previous CAC meeting

Dr. Lundy also pointed out that the Membership list is staggered every other year and that for officers it is different. They must be committed to attend all the CAC meetings and they have to be a parent of a child with special needs.

Dr. Lundy also informed that the following nominees were called to make sure they accepted and agreed to the responsibilities:

For Chairperson:

- Erika Delgado de Ramos
- Maria de la Cruz
- Elizabeth Romero
- Daniel Chavez
- Lali Aboytes

For Vice-chairperson:

- Amada Fitzpatrick
- Lali Aboytes
- Maria de la Cruz
- Elizabeth Romero

For Secretary:

- Maria Luisa Ramirez

Each nominee presented a two-minute video to the CAC participants stating why they would like to be a candidate to be an officer for the CAC.

Member Alfredo Aguero commented that the bylaws state that officers are voted in a staggered way.

Dr. Lundy clarified that it is the membership voting that is staggered and it does not apply to the officers. She also provided that in the CAC Bylaws, Article IV, under Officers of the CAC, contains the information that Mr. Aguero is requesting.

Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela thanked all the nominees for their presentation and their passion in supporting parents and students.

Dr. Lundy asked if there was anyone interested in nominating someone else or themselves.

In response to Dr. Lundy's request, **Vice Chair Erika Delgado de Ramos** nominated herself to be a candidate as a secretary. She gave her two minutes presentation in person.

Member Amada Fitzpatrick wanted to know if Erika Delgado could run for both president and secretary positions.

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Dr. Lundy went on to explain that she could run for both positions but in the end, she will only hold the one voted.

Dr. Lundy also mentioned that at our next meeting the election would be a public election, voting by a show of hands, one officer at a time.

Dr. Lundy stated that there were comments on the chat regarding the minutes. Our next meeting we will start with the conversation on the approval of the minutes.

Adjournment

Liliana Valenzuela, chair adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.