

## Special Education

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

#### Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Declaration of Quorum:**

Twenty one members in attendance

**Public Comments:** Chairperson Liliana Valenzuela read the public comments.

**Tony McIntyre** (non-member) I would like to request the Community Advisory Committee to petition the SBCUSD Board to reconvene and reconsider their decision to leave all schools in the district closed until the end of 2020-2021 school year. Since the Board's decision was communicated in November 2020, the local and national landscape regarding the COVID-19 pandemic has changed drastically, Not only are there now multiple approved vaccines being distributed, local infection and hospitalization rates continue to decrease. Local hospital ICU and emergency room capacities are improving, as well. The state and county have both updated their guidance, allowing most forms of in-person learning to resume. Furthermore, the CDC recently published a rigorous set of scientific guidelines for schools to implement to safely return to in-person learning.

Excessive delay in returning to in-person learning hurts our children, their academic progress, and their social/emotional skills. As taxpayers and parents we deserve a clear plan with timing from the SBCUSD Board for a return to in-person learning for our children, students, and teachers. A return to in-person learning by March 15th is not only possible, it is essential for our communities well-being.

**Esiquio Cervantes** (non-member) I consider that it is necessary to resume the Coffee meetings with the Directors of the Special Education Department since parents need

the communication bridge, the department should listen to new concerns and take notes for needed improvements.

**Member Alfredo Agüero** stated that he felt pleased with everyone being supportive to have this meeting.

**Member Latoya Smith** stated that the Chat has comments in Spanish and those should be translated for all everyone to be aware of what is going on as well as what is written in the Chat during the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were moved by Member **Kathlene Valdez** to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes. Member **Catalina Castillo** seconded the motion

**15 Yes 0 No 1 abstained.**

Motion carries.

**Dr. Lundy** gave a few guidelines to everyone, mute the microphone when not speaking, learn how to raise their hand using the computer to participate in these meetings. To make a motion we want to make sure that the hand is raised and to be able to make it verbally. The same as to second the motion, which will be acknowledged by the chair. Motions will not be done in the Chat. If a person is on the phone and would like to make a motion, please unmute yourself and ask to make a motion.

### **Presentation of the Roles and Responsibilities of the Officers.**

**Dr. Lundy** thanked Barbie Rolland for her assistance in preparing the video in English and Spanish. Please visit the Webpage at [sbcusd.com/cac](http://sbcusd.com/cac) to view the video and understand the roles and responsibilities.

**Dr. Lundy** proceed with Option #2 which is going to be voted on, this was on the table from the last meeting to discuss today.

**15 yes 4 no 2 abstained**

Motion carries.

March: Nominations  
April: CAC Elections  
May: Officer training  
June: New officers

There will be a link on the web page to nominate yourself or to nominate others, and also during the next meeting we will have the opportunity to hear who wants to be an officer.

**Member Lori Parra** asked if we will have enough time to listen to the nominated officers' background. She would like to make a motion for the members to talk about their background before the election. Miembro Amada Fitzpatrick seconded the motion.

**Discussion:**

**Member Alfredo Aguero** asked what had happened with option # 1, Dr. Lundy replied it did not pass. There was a motion for option #2 to vote on for this meeting. Mr. Aguero would like to get a list of the members to see who we are choosing as a candidate and to learn about their background.

**Member Yolanda Garcia** asked if there is a specific requirement to be nominated or nominate myself as an officer. Dr. Lundy clarified that an officer needs to be a parent of a child with special needs.

The vote for the motion is for the nominees to introduce themselves and present the reasons why they want to be officers.

**17 Yes      0 No      4 abstained**

Motion carried.

**Dr. Monarrez** reminded everyone that to be an officer, Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary the requirement is to be the parents of a special needs student in SBCUSD and also be a member of this committee. This is a committee specifically for Special Education.

**Member Alfredo Aguero** asked why the parliamentarian has to be a district employee. He would like to discuss this further.

**Member Mia Cooper** clarified that the parliamentarian is a district employee according to the bylaws with no voting rights, and will be there to support the committee.

**ViceChair Erika Delgado de Ramos** wanted an explanation regarding the parliamentarian position and she would like to see more members available in case the vice-president is not present to fill her place. Mr. Aguero added that it was a good point Ms. Erika made.

**Francisco Ramirez** (non-member) wanted to know what it means to be Special Education, Dr. Lundy clarified and stated that the 504 is not special education and also explained his question about the bylaws.

**Member Amada Fitzpatrick** wanted to know Dr. Lundy's role for this meeting, since it was discussed that the meeting should be run by the chair. Dr. Lundy's role was as a trainee, future meetings will be run by the Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary. Also the member **Alfredo Agüero** wanted the same clarification. Dr. Lundy agreed and is going to work on this.

**Francisco Ramirez** (non-member) wanted to know about the nomination process. **Miembro Latoya Smith** asked if the officers can be re-elected. Dr. Lundy clarified that those members exhaust their position..

**Miembro Blanca Lopez** wanted to comment that the next committee should have more parent involvement to assist the officers.

**Andrea (non-member)** wanted clarification on members and non-members. She was encouraged by Dr. Monarrez to continue attending the committee meetings and that at the beginning of the next year during the membership recruitment process she can fill out the form to be approved to become a member.

**Liliana Valenzuela Chair**, presented a video to the Board of Education in the past and she is sharing it in today's meeting. The goal of this committee (CAC) is to involve more parents with special needs students. To access the video please visit our Special Ed. Webpage at [sbcusd.com/cac](http://sbcusd.com/cac).

Dr. Lundy stated that the SELPA Plan will be discussed in the next 3 meetings.

## **Adjournment**

Liliana Valenzuela, chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.