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Carmen Blum, CAC Co-Chairperson

February 15, 2017

Date



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

January 18, 2017

6:15 P.M. Networking 6:30- 8:30 P.M. Meeting

North County Regional Education Center

255 Pico Avenue, First Floor

San Marcos, CA 92069

I. Welcome and Introductions – Michelle Wolfson, CAC Co-Chairperson

- a. Meeting commenced at 6:34pm.
- b. Families and staff are encouraged to attend Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings in person to participate in the discussions, ask questions, meet others, and find resources. For those unable to attend, meetings are filmed to make them accessible. Meeting videos are posted in English and Spanish to the NCCSE website (English link: www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts Spanish link: www.nccse.org/videos-y-notas-de-las-juntas-del-cac).
- c. Those who do not wish their image to be on the video, be sure to stay well away from the area being filmed.
- d. Everyone who speaks is asked to use the microphone. This is to insure that anyone who is otherwise unable to hear can participate fully in the meeting, as well as to capture sound for filming.

II. Focus Topic: Alicia Alvarez, NCCSE Program specialist. Abby Ineman, special education teacher for Fallbrook Elementary School District

- a. Details of some of the social support programs within NCCSE school districts were presented, including Abby Ineman's program at Fallbrook Elementary School.
- b. Questions and answers followed the presentation.
- c. Presentation will be available on NCCSE website within two weeks.

III. Program Director's Report – Theresa Kurtz, Senior Director, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education

- a. Federal
 1. The Federal Supreme Court heard the Endrew F. case last week. It is unusual for the Supreme Court to agree to hear a special education related case.
 2. In question is how much educational progress fulfills the requirement for 'appropriate' in the FAPE (free appropriate public education) mandate of IDEIA (Individuals with Disabilities Educational Improvement Act, a Federal law).
 3. In the past court decisions have determined that 'some progress' was

sufficient.

4. A decision is expected at the end of June.
5. For additional information, see the link at <http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/endrew-f-v-douglas-county-school-district/>
- 6.

b. State

1. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) report was released in November with recommendations regarding the funding structure of special education in California.
2. Among the recommendations: send special education funding directly to individual school districts rather than through SELPAs (Special Education Local Plan Areas), in alignment with the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) favored by Governor Brown.
3. This raises some concerns regarding services to children with IEPs in smaller districts, as well as other concerns.
4. Some findings are incorrect, as SELPAs were not interviewed (e.g. SELPAs are not the decision makers regarding distribution of funds to districts, districts are).
5. For additional information see the link at <http://www.ppic.org/main/publication/asp?i=873>

IV. Legislation information- Theresa Kurtz

- a. Information regarding meeting with state and national legislators and their contact information by district was shared.
- b. Families are encouraged, if they are interested, to meet with legislative staff in their local offices.

V. Approval of November 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes -Michelle Wolfson, Executive Board Co-Chairperson

- a. Approved with one change to attendance

VI. Excellence in Special Education Award Nominations – Terri Stashak, Executive Board Member

- a. Award nomination forms are available on the NCCSE website (www.nccse.org) as well as at the NCCSE office.
- b. There are 11 categories of nominations, including teachers, administrators, related services providers, support staff, families, students, and employers.
- c. Anyone can make a nomination. This is an opportunity to recognize and reward those who are making a difference in our students' lives.
- d. A selection committee meets in April to choose those who will be recognized at the NCCSE Awards Ceremony, being held on May 31, 2017 this year. Awardees are chosen anonymously – the committee members have no information about the district, the school, the nominator or the nominees.
- e. The Awards Ceremony is an event that the CAC hosts and is well worth attending.

- f. Even if a nominee is not chosen to receive an award, they are notified after the Awards Ceremony has taken place that they were nominated and by whom. Their supervisors are also notified that they were nominated.

VII. Special Needs Resource Fair - Saturday February 11, 2017 – Eric Lendvai, Executive Board Member

- a. At NCCSE building (North County Regional Education Center) 255 Pico Avenue, first Floor, San Marcos, CA 92069
- b. Drop in anytime between 10 am - 12 noon
- c. Children are welcome!
- d. Over 20 agencies and recreation providers
- e. Plus there will be help with any other resources families may be looking for

VIII. Public Comments – Julie Law-Cheeseman, Executive Board Member

- a. At each CAC meeting, time is set aside to accept public comments.
- b. We welcome public comments – they can be acknowledgement of good practices, or questions or concerns about special education services that impact groups of children.
- c. Comments are recorded in the CAC minutes, which are distributed to the NCCSE district superintendents and special education directors.
- d. A written version must be given to a CAC Executive Board member so that it can be accurately recorded for the minutes and for a response.
- e. Your comment may be presented by yourself, or you may ask the CAC chairperson to read it, and it can be presented anonymously if you choose.
- f. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The total amount of time allotted for public comment at each meeting is fifteen minutes.
- g. There will be no action taken at the meeting in which a comment is made, though there may be time for discussion.

IX. CAC Meeting and Subcommittee Sign-Ups – Lisa Houghtelin, NCCSE Parent Liaison

- a. A sign-up sheet was passed around for CAC representatives to volunteer to come a bit early and help visitors and CAC representatives sign in to the meeting.
- b. At the February CAC Meeting, signup sheets will be passed around for the following sub-committees: Priorities Report, Awards Selection, and Awards Ceremony.

X. Family Resources – Julie Law-Cheeseman

- a. Upcoming workshops were highlighted and are in the meeting packet.
- b. Additional resources are available on the resource table.
- c. Telephone number for NCCSE workshop information in Spanish and English: 888-797-5575.

XI. Adjourned at 8:16 pm – Michelle Wolfson

- a. The next public CAC meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017.
- b. Each NCCSE school district employs staff trainers certified in a method called

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention[®], developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute. This method teaches staff to intervene in safe, respectful and noninvasive ways with students who may be exhibiting a continuum of behaviors from anxiety to aggression.

Sue Liesegang, an Education Specialist in Encinitas USD, is a CPI Master Associate Trainer with over ten years of experience in leading school teams through the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention[®] training and certification process. She will provide an overview of the principles of the CPI's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention[®] training to our CAC audience.