CAC Minutes – April 26, 2023

A. CALLED TO ORDER
The April 26, 2023 regular meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Ryan Digman, CAC Vice Chairperson.

MEMBERS PRESENT: (5 = quorum) Ryan Digman, Kimber Rice, Katherine Morash, Lisa Sotelo, Tina Cooper, Heather Taylor, David Martasian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Hicks

STAFF LIAISONS PRESENT: Vanessa Adolphson, Robert Morgan, Deborah Calvin, Tanya Kravchuk

B. BOARD REMARKS
Board member and CAC liaison Tanya Kravchuk expressed gratitude for CAC members and guests for their participation on the committee and continued advocacy for our students. Kravchuk shared notes from board president Zima Creason including praise for the You Light the Way Event and Legislative Action Day and the continued efforts of our CAC members and Special Education support community.

Kravchuk also shared an update from Safe Schools regarding fencing and standard internal door locks to increase safety for students across our district, as well as the acknowledgement of our school nurses at the last board meeting.

C. VISITOR COMMENTS
Kimber Rice and Katherine Morash shared information about an upcoming Best Buddy Walk that was also shared at the SJUSD School Board by Mira Loma students. This event will take place April 29 at 8:30am. Information may be found at www.BestBuddiesFriendshipWalk.org/Sacramento

Agnus shared she has a student receiving special education services at Encina who requires a Roger (sp?) Hearing System and is frustrated that their student does not have the required services per their IEP. Agnus shared frustration regarding the spoken foreign language requirement for students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH).

D. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW & BUDGET
Vanessa Adolphson, Director of Special Education quickly reviewed areas of the SELPA Plan, Sections A and B that have been updated and discussed in the subcommittee.

Adolphson reviewed Section D of the document with the committee who will have the next 30 days to review before the May meeting for comments

The plan will be reviewed by CAC in May, the County, then the school board in June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

MEMBER COMMENTS
Ryan Digman asked about the cost for contracted staff. Director Adolphson shared that the funding comes from the same budget for the staff position that is being contracted out for. Dr. Calvin shared that there are incentives to recruit staff in our district in an effort to have full time staff rather than contracted staff which do cost more than district hired staff.

Ryan and Katherine discussed struggles with competitive opportunities for staff retention and hopes the district will put our children at the forefront of these needs.

Kimber Rice asked about onboarding for contracted staff. Adolphson shared that program specialists and administrators work closely with contracted agencies to provide onboarding. Katherine Morash asked about Special Education “pass through money” that was listed in the school board packet. Staff shared that this is money going out of our system to pay for services for students in Charter Schools within our district. Lisa Sotello expressed interest in learning more about advocating for IDEA funds at the federal level. ESY was also discussed as a part of the budget allocated in December.

Kimber Rice shared with members and the public that the spreadsheet supplemental materials for the budget codes and school site services are posted on the Special Education website

E. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

a. Ryan Digman requested discussion on the March 2023 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

MEMBER COMMENTS
Several members pointed out clerical errors and unclear language in the March 2023 minutes, and requested several changes for review before approval.

March 2023 minutes will be put up for approval at the next CAC meeting in May.

E. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

b. CAC Board Report

Ryan shared an overview of the report given on behalf of CAC at the School Board Meeting on April 25, 2023.

c. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Bylaw review: No update at this time, but the committee is appreciative of work with Trent Allen, legal & school board review, district committee bylaw alignment

Membership Outreach: Ryan shared opportunities for members to connect with new families at events like the Families Matter Conference.

You Light the Way: Ryan shared the excitement of the awards ceremony and celebrating with amazing students, staff and community members.
Legislative Action Day:

**Kimber insert blurb here & Legislation**

SELPA Plan Review

Public Comment: none

Katherine shared that Ryan’s board report on behalf of CAC spoke to the board with a call to action, including our students in Equity work, include family voice, etc.

Tina Cooper shared appreciation for the You Light the Way event, efforts of staff and committees.

Katherine asked about the Families Matter Conference presentations and video recordings.

Email to Trent - officer elections

**F. FUTURE TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS**

May - SELPA Budget, Bylaw Updates, Officer Election Information/updates?
August - Thought Exchange Survey & Updates, Officer Election information/updates?

On Going:
Subcommittee Updates, Meet the Teams/Family Ed recommendations

Recommended for Meet the Teams

- Listening Sessions
- Behavior Advantage
- Reading Intervention Strategies
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Inclusion

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MEMBER DISCUSSION**

Planning meeting for structure under new bylaws & green act

Review for need of subcommittees

Membership training for committee onboarding

**Summer resources & Back to School events?**

**I. VISITOR COMMENTS**

Sydney, a parent, shared their hopes in regards to fencing and prioritizing sites with Special Education programs and safety for some of our more vulnerable students.

Kimber shared - more committees to get the voice of our students out.

Katherine Morash asked if we could have a member report section to the monthly agenda.

**J. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.