



SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 15th, 2023

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

A. Call to Order (Agenda Item A)

Ryan Digman, CAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6pm.

B. Member Roll Call (Agenda Item B)

Ryan Digman, committee chair, welcomed new member Emily Getz and two student members Kaylin Boyce and Luc Taylor.

Members present: Emily Getz, Lacey Martinez, Tina Cooper, Kimber Rice, Lisa Sotelo, Katherine Morash, David Martasian, Daniel Hicks, Kaylin Boyce, Luc Taylor, Heather Taylor

Members absent: Veronica Guzman, Azadeh Turki

C. Board Remarks (Agenda Item C)

Board Member Comments: None. Members are not present.

D. Visitor Comments (Agenda Item D) Ryan Digman, CAC Chair

Visitor comment sent in comment via email to be read. Angel Garcia

Angel Garcia – works with Sierra College to provide services, work experience and post-secondary plans to support adults with disabilities. Angel's email is life@sierracollege.com.

E. San Juan Unified Local Plan (Agenda Item E)

1. Overview of Special Education Local Plan and CAC Responsibilities

Dominic Covello, Interim Director of Special Education, gave an overview of what the Special Education Local Plan entails. Each SELPA must have their own local plan to ensure a full continuum of special education supports that are made available to students within our boundaries and each SELPA must have their own Community Advisory Committee.

Website: [Local Plan - San Juan Unified School District](#)

Public Comment (E)



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None.

Member Discussion (E)

Lisa Sotelo asked about being a single district SELPA and if Mr. Covello's role as both SELPA and Special Education Director puts us at a disadvantage.

Lisa Sotelo also asked where in the Local Plan is it listed who contributes and discusses the Local Plan.

Katherine Morash asked why San Juan Unified is a single district SELPA and if funding is dependent on enrolled students, if funding is taken away if we are under attendance.

Ryan Digman commented about CAC responsibilities and how the CAC can help contribute to the Local Plan and community involvement.

Tina Cooper asked if there are any current legislation changes or regulations that surround the Local Plan that are needing to be updated.

Lacey Martinez asked for clarification on sub-committees and what is needed to make change within our district from the group.

Ryan Digman gave clarification on sub-committees and how the sub-committees can serve as guidance for the CAC

Heather Taylor gave clarification on the CAC committee and asked where annual priorities are listed in the Local Plan.

2. Review of Sections A & D (2023-24 Local Plan) (D)

Dominic Covello, gave an overview of Section A and Section D of the Special Education Local Plan.

Public Comment (regarding this agenda item)

None.

Member Discussion

Katherine Morash asked for clarification on who created the Local Plan and if the CAC should be seeking information from the team who created the Local Plan.

Lisa Sotelo commented about what Ed Code states about who has input for Local Plan and asked if the CAC would be considered for input for the Local Plan. Lisa read Ed Code 56001 (f)

This plan for special education shall be developed cooperatively with input from the community advisory committee and appropriate representation from special and regular teachers and administrators selected by the groups they represent to ensure effective participation and communication.



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Ryan Digman commented about before and after school programs and why there are no resources for students with disabilities.

Daniel Hicks asked if after-school care is funded by special education and why these programs are not covered by special education.

Katherine Morash commented about funding and providers that are under the special education umbrella like mental health..

David Martasian commented about updating current contact information for resources for parents on the CAC website.

Kimber Rice commented about services listed 840 Career Awareness – and funds in 840, where are these dollars being used.

F. Committee Business (Agenda Item F)

1. Approval of meeting minutes from April 2023, September 2023, and October 2023.

April Minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

September 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved. First motion from Lisa Sotelo, seconded by Katherine Morash. All members are in favor, none opposed.

October 2023 Meeting Minutes are approved. First motion from Katherine Morash, seconded by Daniel Hicks. All members are in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment (F)

None.

Member Discussion(F):

None

2. Subcommittees

a. Reports (D). No reports from subcommittees at this time. Member discussion will determine subcommittees and members.

Public Comment:

None.



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Member Discussion:

Ryan Digman will have a list of committees for the February meeting.

b. Confirming Committees (A)

Public Comment (regarding this agenda item)

None.

Member Discussion:

The Outreach Sub-committee was established by CAC. First motion was made by Katherine Morash, seconded by Ryan Digman. All members are in favor, none opposed.

Members of the Outreach Subcommittee: Lacey Martinez, Lisa Sotelo

The IEP Workgroup Subcommittee was established by CAC. First motion was made by Katherine Morash, seconded by Emily Getz. All members in favor, none opposed.

Members of the IEP Workgroup: Heather Taylor, Emily Getz, Ryan Digman, Luc Taylor.

The You Light The Way Subcommittee was established by the CAC. First motion was made by Lisa Sotelo, seconded by Katherine Morash. All members in favor, none opposed.

Members of the You Light the Way Committee: Ryan Digman, Katherine Morash, Kaylin Boyce, Luc Taylor.

The SPAC Representative was elected by the CAC. First motion was made by Ryan Digman, seconded by Daniel Hicks. All members are in favor, none opposed.

Veronica Guzman volunteered at the October meeting, Lisa Sotelo is back-up SPAC Representative.

The Legislative Day Subcommittee was established by CAC. First motion was made by Lisa Sotelo, seconded by Heather Taylor. All members are in favor, none opposed.

Members of the Legislative Day Subcommittee: Ryan Digman, Kimber Rice, and Tina Cooper.

G. Future Agenda (Agenda Item G)

- Review Sections B, E, Attachments (2023-24 Local Plan)
- Review of funding for before and after school programs.
- Subcommittee reports / committee business

H. Adjournment



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There being no further business, meeting adjourned by Ryan Digman at 8:05pm.