



**Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)**

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes**

February 7, 2025
11:45 a.m.

District Office Board Room
4250 Ashe Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93313



The Panama-Buena Vista Union School District is dedicated to empowering our diverse community through a safe and inclusive environment that promotes academic excellence and personal growth. We prepare all students for future challenges with a commitment to innovation and strong partnerships, enabling everyone to thrive and contribute positively to society.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Chair Arian Garcia.

2. Attendance

Executive Committee: Chair: Arian Garcia, Vice Chair: Steve Walsh, Sergeant of Arms: Samantha Bone

General Members Present: Jennifer Adebowale, Patrick Blake, Simran Brar, Laura Hill, Dr. Denita Maughan, Andrew Pulido, Dian Schneider, Gina Striegel

General Members Absent: Jennifer Payne

Guests: Greg Adkins, Elva Darrett, Rachael DeLeon, Christine Francis, Laura Lorigo, Gayle Montana, Teresa Smith

3. Public Comment

- a. Elva Darrett requested that future meetings be available via Zoom to increase accessibility and requested that the district explore voting remotely..
- b. Arian Garcia requested the addition of the transportation policy to the CAC Handbook. She also advocated for greater inclusivity of students in special education within school instrumental and vocal music programs.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2024
Motion to approve made by: Patrick Blake
Seconded by: Dian Schneider
Vote: Unanimous approval by all members present
(Arian Garcia, Steve Walsh, Samantha Bone, Patrick Blake, Dian Schneider, Jennifer Adebowale, Simran Brar, Gina Striegel, Andrew Pulido, Laura Hill, Dr. Denita Maughan)

5. Reports from Staff

- b. Greg Adkins, Director of Innovation and Improvement, provided an overview of the Foster/Homeless and McKinney Vento Programs.

6. Old Business

- a. 2025-2026 Local Plan - Jennifer Adebowale, SELPA Director, presented for review the Draft 2025-2026 Local Plan.
- b. CAC Parent Handbook - Updated Draft - Jennifer Adebowale, SELPA Director, reminded members that the updated draft was shared prior to the meeting and informed members that they may request printed copies.
- c. Parent Education Nights - Jennifer Adebowale, SELPA Director, reported that she will coordinate with the P-BVUSD Community Engagement Department to increase participation at future events.
- d. 2024-2025 CAC Honors Awards Ceremony
The parent/staff nomination questionnaire was reviewed. Members were reminded that the Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 15, 2025.

7. New Business

- a. Membership Attendance Update - Jennifer Adebowale, SELPA Director, reviewed the CAC membership attendance bylaws.

8. Future Items Requests

- a. Arian Garcia requested a presentation from the District Music Coordinator on the inclusion of students with special needs in instrumental and vocal programs.
- b. Christine Francis requested information on extracurricular programs available to students with special needs.
- c. Laura Hill requested information regarding school events be shared with all students, including students in special day classes.

9. Future CAC Meetings

- a. Friday, April 11, 2025
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Location: P-BVUSD Board Room, 4250 Ashe Road
- b. Friday, May 16, 2025
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Location: P-BVUSD Board Room, 4250 Ashe Road

10. Upcoming SELPA Events

- a. April 3, 2025 at Stonecreek Jr. High
- b. May 15, 2025 at Location TBD

11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m. by Chair Arian Garcia