

**FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Cordova Lane Center
2460 Cordova Ln, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
August 19, 2026**

The goal of the CAC is to empower and assist parents of students with special needs to become effective team members in their child's education. The CAC advises and works collaboratively with the FCUSD on special education policies, procedures, programs, and parent education in the Special Education Local Area (SELPA) as mandated by the California Education Code.

5:30 P.M. – PRESENTATIONS: "Welcome to FCUSD Special Education: learning about SELPA, CAC, and opportunities to get involved" and "Roadmap to a successful school year"
6:30 P.M. – MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, all meetings are held in locations which allow disability-related accommodations.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Nicole McCarthy called the CAC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

		MEMBERS/ STAFF PRESENT	MEMBERS/ STAFF ARRIVING LATE	MEMBERS/ STAFF LEAVING EARLY	MEMBERS/ STAFF ABSENT
	CAC BOARD/SELPA STAFF				
V O T I N G	Dana Arce, CAC Member	X			
	Jennifer Taylor, CAC Vice Chairperson				X
	Jennifer Wong, CAC Member	X			
	Laura Wasco-Kenrow, CAC Member	X			
	Lucinda Winward, CAC Member	X			
	Nicole McCarthy, CAC Chairperson				X
	Unrika Simon-McCaulley, CAC Member				X
N O N - V O T I N G	Jason Stricker	X			
	Kim Trigueiro	X			
	Lilia Neal, CAC Secretary	X			
	Rebecca Schnell				X

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nicole McCarthy, CAC Chairperson, provided instructions and information regarding the public comment process. No public comment was provided.

1. STAFF REPORTS:

1.1 SELPA and District Update, provided by Jason Stricker, Executive Director of Special Education/SELPA:

- Hire of seven Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs) and one Program Coordinator
- Staffing Status: the school year opened successfully with only four teacher vacancies and approximately 90% of Paraeducator positions filled.
- NPS Reduction: the number of students placed in Non-Public Schools (NPS) has been reduced from 96 to 79, reflecting strengthened in-district programming and improved least-restrictive-environment practices.
- Inclusive Practices Showcase: an Inclusive Practices Showcase will be held on October 21, 2026 for staff highlighting and celebrating innovative instructional and support practices implemented by teachers and staff.

Questions from members and the public focused on transportation operations and the Rideship application.

2. CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 Minutes: approve and/or ratify Minutes from the CAC meeting held on May 13, 2026

Laura Wasco-Kenrow moved to approve the Minutes from the CAC meeting held on May 13, 2026. It was seconded by Jennifer Wong and carried as follows:

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 Laura Wasco-Kenrow shared information on the stage budget: [State Budget Update](#)

During this item, questions were raised regarding inclusive playgrounds, including current legislative movement and best-practice guidance. It was noted that the bill is still progressing and that the District continues to monitor requirements and recommended standards.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS: none

REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS:

- Planning for the Excellence in Special Education Awards Ceremony
- Update on Elementary School Model and its rollout, and any future identified adjustments and plans
- Winter Wonderland event
- Art Show update

Future Agenda Topics: none

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Laura Wasco-Kenrow moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jennifer Wong and carried as follows:

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Adjournment Time: 7:40 p.m.

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