

Capistrano Unified School District

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes

January 25, 2022

Zoom Only

Meeting called to order at: 9:34 AM.

Attendance:

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland
Mina Carson
Beth Davis
Veronica Hoggatt
Nicole Lindstrom
Sonia Moser
Michele Ploessel-Campbell
Danielle Schmiesing
Kimber Smith
Janelle R Stever
Whitney Zolna

CAC members absent:

Steve Burke
Jillian Stewart

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland called the meeting to order via Zoom. She asked attendees to please sign into the chat. Michele Ploessel-Campbell motioned to approve the agenda and start the meeting. Mina Carson seconded. A correction to the November minutes was suggested by Mina Carson. She stated there was an error regarding the number of Reflections entries in the November minutes. By raising of hands, the voting members approved the motions. All in attendance were notified the meeting was being recorded, and would be available for future viewing on the CAC Facebook page.

Chairperson Report

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland, CAC Chairperson

- New and returning voting members-New and returning voting members were approved at the December School Board Meeting. The two new voting members are Sonia Moser and Whitney Zolna.
- CAC has open committee and board positions for the 23/24 school year. If you are interested in helping the CAC, please email capocac@gmail.com by March 1.
- CAC webpage tour on CUSD website-the CAC Webpage may be found at CUSD.org, then click on the Special Education tab, then click on the CAC tab.

Administrator Introductions/Discussion

Clint Collins, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education Services-

- Extended school year for the next three school years has been approved:
ESY June 12-July 13, 2023
ESY June 10-July 11, 2024
ESY June 16-July 17, 2025
- RH Dana ENF students are merging with RH Dana Elementary TK-5 STEPS classes. RH Dana ENF will be re-branded as an Early Childhood Education Center facility. The facility will also act as the district's preschool assessment center. All current preschool programs at RH Dana ENF will become part of this facility as well.
- Trainings have taken place with secondary AP's, counselors, and SPED department chairs to differentiate between SPED students on track to earn a diploma or a certificate and to make sure parents are advised about these options.

Jeana Dagley, Executive Director of Special Education Programs and Related Services, SELPA Dir.-

- Ms. Dagley is developing three-year plans to create consistency across the district within SPED programs at elementary, middle, and high schools.
- The state is going to start auditing the delivery of Special Education services. A three-month time frame will be used. The first audit is February 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023.
- The state will be working on an alternative path to a high school diploma for our special education students. The California Alternate Assessment is not available for students with a specific learning disability.

Officer and Committee Reports

Sonia Moser - Family Resource Center Liaison-

- Family Support mentor training took place. Three new mentors were trained, bringing the total number of trained members to nine.
- On January 19, 2023 Ms. Moser co-hosted a Zoom workshop in Spanish regarding teen suicide.
- The Parent Project is hosting a 10-week class for improving parenting skills, starting February 6, 2023, at the Dana Point Community from 6-9 PM. You can register online at: www.parentproject.com
- Free adult English classes are being offered at:
SJC Community Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30a.m.
25925 Camino Del Avion, San Juan Capistrano, 92675 or
La Sala Auditorium (next to SJC Library) Wednesdays 10 to 11:30a.m.
31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, 92675
Enroll at your first class or online at:
<https://www.crossculturalcouncil.com> (Click on yellow star)
- Down for Dance, a program of dance classes for teens with Down Syndrome, takes place in Costa Mesa, but online classes are available as well. www.downfordance.org
- CUSD Family Resource Center can now be found on Instagram for up-to-date information. The next resource fair will be held at the district office on March 9, 2023 from 5:30-7 PM.

Veronica Hoggatt – Sunshine Awards-

- Currently accepting nominations until next Wednesday.
- Please bring a 12-pack of water, soda, lemonade, juice etc. to the CAC meeting in March, to donate to the Sunshine Awards.

Michele Ploessel-Campbell - Legislative Update-

- Our district now has 3 assembly reps and 3 state senators:
Area 36- Janet Nguyen, Area 37 Dave Min, Area 38 Catherine Blakespear
California Assembly District 71-Kate Sanchez, District 72-Diane Dixon,
District 74-Laurie Davies.
- SELPA Plans and local budgets will now be posted online.
- An 8.13% COLA for SPED funding has been proposed by the governor for the budget this year

- Through the University of Minnesota there is a survey “2023 Family & Individual Needs for Disability Support (FINDS) Survey” and can be found at https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bybHhDAbPnl7PRs

CAC Programs and Events presentation

Nicole Lindstrom- Ability Awareness

Ann Carroll- Exceptional Student Awards

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland- Grade Level Transitions Event

Meeting adjourned at: 10:35 AM.