

Capistrano Unified School District

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes October 12, 2022 In Person & Facebook Live

Meeting called to order at: 9:34 AM.

Attendance:

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland
Steve Burke
Mina Carson
Beth Davis
Veronica Hoggatt
Michele Ploessel-Campbell
Danielle Schmiesing
Kimber Smith
Janelle R Stever
Nicole Lindstrom

CAC members absent:

Malissa Watson
Jillian Stewart

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland called the meeting to order. She asked attendees to please sign in. Mina Carson motioned to approve the agenda and start the meeting. Michele Ploessel-Campbell seconded. No corrections to the September minutes. By raising of hands, the group 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, and that Spanish translation was available for those attending the meeting in-person.

Chairperson Report

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland, CAC Chairperson

- Approve CAC Brochure- The new CAC Brochure was reviewed and Mina Carson motioned to approve the brochure. Beth Davis seconded the motion, and by raising of hands, the group approved the motion to adopt the new

CAC Brochure. The new brochure can be found at the Family Resource Center, schools, and community events.

- Executive Board, committee, and open SPED Rep positions- Director of Communications and Social Media is currently an open Board position. The Chairman position on the Board will be open next school year. The list of voting members renewing their term, and the list of new voting members was reviewed. Members renewing their voting rights are as follows: Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland, Mina Carson, Jillian Stewart, and Janelle Stever. New voting members include Whitney Zolna and Sonia Moser. Mina Carson motioned to approve the new and existing voters. Michele Ploessel-Campbell seconded. By raising of hands, the group approved the motions
- Parent rep letters at school sites-The letter was attached to the agenda and reviewed. CAC Reps should have received both an email and hard copy of the letter. Please ask your office manager or Special Education AP at your school site to send it out with your school and contact information filled in to all parents and staff at your school site.

Administrator Introductions/Discussion

Clint Collins, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education Services, SELPA Director

- Extended School Year planning and dates are currently being coordinated through the district.
- End of the quarter is coming up and progress reports will be submitted in mid-October.
- On November 1, 2022 staff that works in middle and high schools will receive development training, while elementary schools have parent conferences.
- A flyer by the OC Sheriff was included in the agenda today. The flyer describes the “Take Me Home” program that families of elderly, disabled, or special needs family members can use if that designated family member becomes separated from their family.

Peggy Baerst, Executive Director, PK-5th, Curriculum and Instruction

- The professional learning community of SPED teachers will come together throughout the year to discuss curriculum across the district.
- New teachers will receive on-going training throughout their first year using Orton-Gillingham.

- “SANDI” was discussed. “SANDY – Student Annual Needs Determination Inventory- is an evaluation available for moderate to severe SPED students to determine long-term objectives using current data. The evaluation may be administered every three years to create academic projections and confirm support needs for the student.

Lauren Pattullo, Ed.D. Director of Early Childhood, General Education & Special Education Programs

- The district held a Family Resource Fair targeting early childhood families, and hosted the Family Support Network (FSN) last month. Of the 42 families that participated in the free developmental screening offered by FSN, 17 families were identified for their child to receive a full evaluation, and 10 families were referred to the regional center for their child under 3 years old.
- The pilot program of incorporating 10 general ed preschoolers, and 10 SPED preschoolers, is now an official program at Las Flores and George White Elementary School. Each classroom has 1 general ed preschool teacher, 1 SPED preschool teacher, and 1 paraprofessional, along with 20 students.

Dr. Cary Johnson, Asst. Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction-

- Meg Ervais spoke for Dr. Johnson. She stated the importance of curriculum consistency across all the schools in the district, and the use of I-Ready at the high school level. A pilot program using I-Ready for high school students in reading and math is being utilized throughout the district to see if the “My Path” feature might be used to fill-in students’ missing skills.

Officer and Committee Reports

Sonia Moser - Family Resource Center Liaison- Mary Rios, a Disability Rights Advocate, will speaking at the district office in November and December, with dates following. The Families Connected Network trained 12 mentors last month, and this January there will be a training for those who would also like to be become a mentor.

Veronica Hoggatt – Sunshine Awards- An email will be sent from CAC in December to nominate up to 2 employees to receive a Sunshine Award. The theme

this year will be “Down on the Farm.” A sign-up sheet to bring drinks was set out at today’s meeting. You can also nominate your child to perform at the awards ceremony.

Nicole Lindstrom – Ability Awareness- The CAC website hosts links to help plan an Ability Awareness Day. There are videos and PDF’s to help with ideas and find speakers.

Michele Ploessel-Campbell - Legislative Update- AB1663 (Probate Conservatorship Reform and Supported Decision Making Act) was signed and creates legal definitions for what "supported decision making" means for adults in California. Changes include who maybe a conservator, how a conservator is selected, inclusion of least restrictive alternatives in petition, and responsibilities of the courts. Some parts of the law did not change, if you have a conservatorship or are considering one for a loved one, please consult counsel on how this law impacts your family. Read more at:
<https://thearcca.org/new-law-on-conservatorship-supported-decision-making-what-you-should-know/>

Ballots are now arriving at homes; the last day to vote is November 8th. Please take time to complete and return your ballots. The California PTA has taken support positions on Prop 28 and Prop 31 and encourage you to vote yes on these two propositions. Other bills signed include AB2638, which will mandate water bottle filling stations in any new school construction and as part of any modernization project. The law goes into effect the next time a state school facilities bond is passed. AB2640 (Website on Food Allergies) would create a resource for districts and families on reducing potential food allergens in school meals. It is a website to build awareness, it does not remove specific foods from school sites. Existing law already puts epi pens on all school sites for emergency use.

SB291(Advisory Commission on Special Education) expands the committee from 17 to 19 members by adding 2 student members ages 16-22 to the group. This will help bring the student voice to this important group. Term limit for student representatives is one year.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:41 AM.

