

**Capistrano Unified School District**

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes**

**February 28, 2024**

**In Person & YouTube Live**

**Meeting called to order at: 9:32 AM.**

**Attendance:**

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland  
Steve Burke  
Mina Carson  
Beth Davis  
Michele Ploessel-Campbell  
Danielle Schmiesing  
Kimber Smith  
Carol Atkinson-Smith  
Whitney Zolna  
Sonia Moser  
Jillian Stewart  
Julie Cole

**CAC members absent:**

Janelle Stever  
Nicole Lindstrom

**Officer and Committee Reports**

Beth Davis called the meeting to order. She asked attendees to please sign in. Steve Burke motioned to approve the agenda and start the meeting. Mina Carson seconded. No corrections to the November minutes. By raising their hands, the group approved the motions. All in attendance were notified the meeting was being recorded live on YouTube and would be available for future viewing on the CAC YouTube channel. A link will be posted to CAC social media accounts as well.

**Open Positions Next Year**

Grade Level Transitions, Secretary, and Local Plan. Email [capocac@gmail.com](mailto:capocac@gmail.com) for more information and interest.

**Chairperson Reports**

**Julie Cole – Sunshine Committee**

Event is one month away. 225 nominations from 36 schools for 173 educators. Current RSVPs are 110 nominees, 3 admin, and 14 VIPs. Donations are still being accepted for drinks. Email Julie at [cusdsunshine@gmail.com](mailto:cusdsunshine@gmail.com) to arrange pick up or delivery.

### **Sonia Moser - Family Resource Center Liaison- FRC Happenings, Families Connected-**

- 1) March 5<sup>th</sup> at San Clemente High School Little Theatre. – Screenagers Under the Influence with the Wellness and Prevention Center and Amy Neville.
- 2) March 7<sup>th</sup> - The CUSD Career Prep Dept. Resource Fair. 5-6pm. District Office.
- 3) March 14<sup>th</sup> Zoom Workshop with Western Youth – “Positive Parenting” English Version
- 4) March 21<sup>st</sup> Zoom Workshop with Western Youth- “Positive Parenting” Spanish Version
- 5) March 14<sup>th</sup> – Kinderpalooza hosted by the OC Public libraries
- 6) April 13<sup>th</sup>- Together4Teens Event – hosted by Providence
- 7) April 27<sup>th</sup> - Dia Del Nino Event in San Juan Capistrano
- 8) OH Behave Workshop 5/22/24 presented by our SPED team here at the District Office.

More information on these events can be found on Instagram @CUSD Family Resource Center.

### **Michele Ploessel-Campbell - Legislative Update-**

30+ people from CAPO attended the PTA conference in Sacramento. Budget crisis is real–0.7% proposed COLA (down from just over 8%) with 0% on the horizon to delay funding (‘25-’26) for programs that were promised funding on 7-1-24 (specifically dyslexia, disability services covered under the Lanterman Act). April email campaign coming to advocate to NOT delay funding.

VOTE! Your local input matters. 3-5 is CA primary. Vote the entire ballot. Use mail in, early vote centers (fire stations, libraries), or election day centers. Friends can drop it off. Mail it back–postage is already on it.

3/13 School Board Meeting–1-2 reps attend to share what is going well. Inclusion, teamwork, positive experiences!

### **Darrin Jindra - Safety**

6 Middle School Tours to educate sites have already occurred this year.

All schools are required to submit a School Site Safety Plan yearly. Parents can view the plan on site. SPED students are specifically planned for in this document.

Communication plans and general procedures were discussed. Addressing “leakage” was explained. Difference between Lockdown and Shelter in Place was defined. Reach out to Darrin for more information and any specific questions.

### **Administrator Introductions/Discussion**

#### **Clint Collins, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education Services-**

ESY Dates June 10-July 11 2024. Sites are listed on CAPO website.

Transition IEPs are taking place over the next couple of months—not traditional IEP, rather location and service changes based upon new school location.

SPED student projection process started early to enable schools to know what their needs are and for the district to have better odds to fill those needs.

**Jeana Dagley, SELPA and Alternative Diplomas-**

SELPA is backing 2 major pieces of legislation: \$1 Billion for disability services and change of Emotional Disturbance to Emotional Disability for eligibility criteria in CA SPED qualification.

Personnel Data Report being formulated that outlines what positions are fully funded by SPED and to indicate if staff are fully credentialed to do the job. Proportional Share and Meaningful Consultation is happening where private schools are consulted on how to spend the portion of the SPED budget on children who qualify for services that attend private schools. A service plan is developed that involves consulting services with providers, observations and training of private school personnel. the 2nd annual Service Delivery Audit is happening where we have to report the delivery of services to the state from 3-1 to 4-29.

Alternate Pathway to Diploma—flier available; amended code since 2022—beginning with class of 2026; conversations happening in the 8th-9th grade transition IEP to give 4 years instead of just 3 to meet the requirements. All classes can be modified curriculum.

**Next Meeting is March 20 at 9:30 am with guest speaker Avital Shuster discussing sensory integration.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:37am.**