

# CAC

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE for Special Education

ADVISING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### General Membership Meeting: MINUTES

**Date:** March 10, 2011

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm

**Location:** Harold J. Ballard Parent Center, 2375 Congress St. San Diego, CA 92110

#### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

##### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm**

The Chairperson, Moira Allbritton, welcomed attendees and introduced CAC member, district staff and administrators and acknowledged parents. The chair reviewed the agenda, meeting format and structure, and process for providing public comment.

#### ROLL CALL/MEMBER ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Moira Allbritton, Joyce Clark, Bill Cary, Mary Conroy, Teresa Michel, Belquis Anders, Raylene Dickinson, Stephanie Fimbres, Teresa Hilleary, Mina Kern, Chris Pikus, Nancy Stevenson

**Absent:** Christy Scadden, Michelle Crisci, Dorene Dias Pesta, Ellen Herron, Meghann Hughes, Pam McKinney,

**Ex-Officio:** Jody Bondurant- Strong, Director Special Education

##### **Quorum Established**

**Teens in Motion**-presentation by Wendy Zwicker on the YMCA Childcare Resource Services Respite Services program for teens.

**People First Language**-due to scheduling challenges, presentation moved to next month

**Budget and Finance Report:** presentation by Mark Curtis, budget analyst for SDUSD, on the current years 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 budgets. Information can be accessed at [www.sandi.net](http://www.sandi.net) look for the shortcut link Budget.

#### PUBLIC OPEN FORUM: Q & A

**Q:** Nancy Stevenson-(Sierra)-IEP's-DIS services were missing, which were apparently done on purpose. Related services were dropped without an IEP discussion. My concern is what happened to the team coming to a discussion?

**A:** Jody Bondurant-Strong: if there was not a team discussion related to the changes than the subject needs to be readdressed.

**Q:** Similar concern with IEP requesting signature without seeing the final copy and not having an IEP that is what parent agreed to during the meeting.

**A:** Jody- Again this is a systems problem with the IEP team and needs to be addressed.

**Q:** Erika Schinler-(Bay Park Elementary)-Concerns with loss of a mild/moderate classroom teacher next year at a school-What actions do we take when we hear a teacher/class is being eliminated?

**Q:** Mina Kern-(Bay Park Elementary)-shared concern with above-The mild-moderate teacher at Bay Park has been excised. A moderate-severe teacher has been approved. I do not oppose

the addition of a moderate-severe class, but I am strongly against the ending of the mild-moderate program that is already in place and working so well.

**Q:** Crystal Bejar-(Bay Park Elementary)-shared concerns with above-I would like the mild-moderate program to stay at Bay Park.

**A:** Jody-budget is having an impact on all classrooms/schools/teachers across the district. No decisions are made arbitrarily and most schools are being affected by these same challenges. (Kathy Whitley) Taking your concerns to the school board directly, for them to hear your voice on these programs is powerful and can have a positive effect. Which teachers leave and which ones remain is a union contract decision and not a district decision.

Joyce Clark-whether you can or can't change this situation it is important for everyone to make sure the IEP for their student has all the needs and services well defined and included in that document. It is the most powerful tool you have and it can make sure that you can get the education your child needs at any school, with any program.

### **DISTRICT REPORT/PROGRAM/OPERATIONS UPDATE:**

Jody Bondurant-Strong: Introduced Carrie Rea who took over Sam Coleman's job as interim program manager for secondary level schools.

ADR Solutions Panel-will get together for training in March, should be ready to take mediation cases by mid-April. There will be one more week-long mediation training program with Greg Able coming up 12 -18May and anyone is welcome to participate.

IEP day is next Saturday, there are still parent scholarships available, please call the office and Pat Moulton can assist you.

ESY (Extended School Year)-along with Sonya Pico-did winter intersession in January and there was positive feedback on the program. There will be one in spring in April 11-22. We are now getting ready for summer ESY which will be 27 June through 22 July. Are not sending out applications, are requiring teachers to verify and arrange for students attendance and materials (to include 4 meaningful work samples, an IEP summary sheet, the IEP goals so ESY teachers can prepare. ESY teachers are being paid for prep time so the ESY can be meaningful for each student.)

### **CAC BUSINESS**

**Approve CAC meeting minutes (action)** Joyce Clark made the motion to approve the February minutes. Bill Cary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Chair Report:** Tiger team invited CAC to participate. Moira summarized the executive committee response: The CAC is a voluntary public organization with a constitution and bylaws that operates under the Brown Act. We are mandated to report directly to the school board and it is our opinion that the Tiger teams are duplicating some portion of this process. We were not invited to participate in the initial development of the teams. We feel strongly that we have a responsibility to review the outcomes/recommendations of every efficiency committee as all these areas effect students with IEP's in varying degrees and would not wish to focus exclusively in one area. The CAC support the Hehir recommendations, compliance with all federal and state laws and the recently adopted proclamation approved by the school board in November. The ultimate conclusion is the CAC will continue to operate under our mandates and not influence the conclusions of the Tiger Teams. We will review the outcomes and adopt positions as necessary which we will report directly to the board. All members of the executive committee recognize and appreciate the huge amount of time and energy each and every person has given to these teams.

Above and Beyond Awards: Raylene Dickinson is chairing the awards, needs some help with a co-chair, please start thinking of possible nominees-teachers, administrators, students and community members.

**Announcements:**

March 26, Walk for Thought sponsored by the San Diego Brain Injury foundation for more information: [www.sdbif.org](http://www.sdbif.org)

Down's syndrome Association will be hosting a reception March 13, 2:00-4:30

Sibshops-for siblings of students with special needs ages 7-11. Next one is Sunday, May1 from 9:00 to 1:00 at Mission Trails Park.

14 April-next CAC meeting Kate Sessions Elementary in Pacific Beach

Joyce Clark made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Hilleary seconded the motion.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted by the secretary,  
Mary Conroy.