

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Community Advisory Committee

10:00 a.m. on September 25, 2025

8036 Ocean View Avenue

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MINUTES

A. Roll Call- The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

East Whittier - Absent
El Rancho - Present
Little Lake - Absent
Los Nietos - Absent
South Whittier - Absent
Whittier City - Present
Whittier Union - Present

B. Approval of Agenda for September 25, 2025

Moved: Alexandria Duchi
Seconded: Joel Escobar
Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2025

Moved: Joel Escobar
Seconded: Alexandria Duchi
Vote: 4-0

D. New Board Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson)

Joel Escobar nominated Gloria Ruiz for the Community Advisory Committee Chairperson for the 2025-2026.

a. Nomination and election of new Chairperson

Moved: Joel Escobar
Seconded: Alexandria Duchi
Vote: 4-0

Gloria Ruiz nominated Joel Escobar for the Community Advisory Committee Chairperson for the 2025-2026.

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b. Nomination and election of new Vice Chairperson

Moved: Gloria Ruiz

Seconded: Alexandria Duchi

Vote: 4-0

E. Public Input

There were no community comments.

F. Budget Review

\$6,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2025-2026 school year.

a. Approved Expenses thus far for ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026:

- i. Not to exceed, \$2,000 for interpretation and translation services for CAC 2025-2026 sponsored events.
- ii. Not to exceed, \$300 for supplies/materials, snacks and beverages for parent trainings/events held during the 2025-2026 school year.
- iii. Not to exceed, \$650 for supplies/materials, snacks and beverages for the fall 2025 Disability Resource and Transition Fair.
- iv. Not to exceed, \$1,500 for food vendor at the fall 2025 Disability Resource and Transition Fair.

Total Not to Exceed Approved Expenses: \$ 4,450.00

Estimated Total Spent as of 11/19/25: \$ 2,123.37

The CAC Board noted a correction to the school year listed on the agenda from 2024-2025 to 2025-2026. They reviewed expenses approved thus far for the 2025-2026 school year.

G. Discussion Items

a. CAC Goals and Priorities

- i. Disability Resource and Transition Fair
- ii. Parent Trainings
- iii. Other

Ms. Janet Quenea shared that the spending budget and listed priorities were reviewed with Ms. Hilda Lopez and Mrs. Gloria Ruiz. The CAC Board agreed that the focus would be on the fair and parent trainings, in order to focus efforts within the community. They discussed possibly cutting back Legislative Sharing Day participation from two to one

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CAC parent or scheduling local visits with legislators in lieu of attending Legislative Sharing Day.

b. Parent Trainings for 2025-26

i. Understanding the IEP Process - November 13, 2025 & April 9, 2026

Ms. Janet Queneau shared the dates for the "Understanding the IEP Process" parent training. The first one would take place in November so that it did not compete with the Disability Resource and Transition Fair. The training would be available in Spanish and English in different rooms.

ii. Other Trainings

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that last year there was a training given by danyelle s goita beal, titled "Lemme Tell you 'Bout the Birds and the Bees"; it was a very inclusive training. There was great interest in the training but it did not have a big turn out which may have been due to the time of year. She proposed it be done a little earlier in the year, if CAC was interested in hosting it again. Mrs. Gloria Ruiz shared that she attended the beginning of the presentation and thought the speaker had a great ability to speak to parents both of student with and without disabilities; she would like to invite the presenter back for another presentation. Mrs. Alexandria Duchi shared that she thought the presentation was consistent and impactful; she also recommended to invite the presenter back. Ms. Janet Queneau stated she would reach out to Dr. beal and bring costs to CAC for consideration. Ms. Janet Queneau asked CAC if they had other ideas for parent trainings and let them know they could always reach out after. Mr. Joel Escobar suggested a training around transitions from high school to secondary and also a survey to parents to see what their interests might be.

c. 2025 Disability Resource and Transition Fair - October 21, 2025, 4:00-6:30 PM

- i. CAC Table
- ii. Vendors
- iii. IDEA 50th Anniversary recognition
- iv. Workshop
 - 1. 4:30 PM - Tech that Teaches: Skill Building for all Ages Through Video Modeling
 - 2. 5:30 PM - Supported Decision Making - An Alternative to Conservatorship
- v. Raffle prizes

Ms. Janet Queneau asked that any available CAC Board members sign up to be at the CAC table. She shared there were 22 vendors registered to participate in the Disability Resource and Transition Fair, the goal was 30. There were two parent presentations scheduled. She proposed that the 50th IDEA anniversary be recognized at the fair to celebrate the progress made and access gained over the last 50 year and asked CAC to consider using some of the budget to publicize

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the 50th IDEA anniversary. She shared that Dr. Vivian Rodriguez-Eads created a timeline to show how far we've come. She thanked Mrs. Christy Turner for helping secure raffle prizes and coffee. The donations are appreciated.

d. 2025-2026 CAC Meeting Dates - *New March Date

All Meetings Scheduled from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
09/25/2025
11/20/2025
01/29/2026
03/12/2026*
05/28/2026

Ms. Janet Queneau shared the new March meeting date which was still on a Tuesday.

H. Action Items

There were no new action items.

I. Director's Comments

a. New Board Members for 2025-2026

Ms. Janet Queneau welcomed Lauren Eggehorn, the new East Whittier City School District staff representative. She is replacing Charm Johnson. She thanked Charm for her time served on the CAC. She also congratulated Mr. Joel Escobaer for his first time serving as CAC Vicechair and Mrs. Gloria Ruiz for serving as Chair.

b. 50th Anniversary of IDEA

Mrs. Janet Queneau shared the SELPA Administrators of California had put together monthly ideas on how to celebrate the 50th anniversary of IDEA, how to help students with disabilities and some special highlights. They were available on their website and would soon be available on WACSEP's website.

c. Other

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that there was a webinar series put on by the California Department of Education in partnership with the Seed of Partnership Project. The information was available on the website. Lastly, she shared that Day 3 of the Inclusion Academy was taking place in October. That was for district

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staff to focus on more inclusive practices and doing better for students.

J. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Moved: Christy Turner
Seconded: Joel Escobar
Vote: 4-0

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