

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Community Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m. on November 10, 2021
8036 Ocean View Avenue
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MINUTES

A. Roll Call - The meeting opened at 10:10 a.m.

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

B. Approval of Agenda for November 10, 2021

Moved: Cheryl Goodman
Second: Joel Escobar
Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2021

Moved: Cheryl Goodman
Second: Joel Escobar
Vote: 4-0

D. Public Input

Elena Sanchez, Director for Parent's Place and Empowerment Center, shared some of the services offered by the agency such as training for parents, conferences, support groups, and a physical education class for families. The agency serves a small portion of Whittier residents. Their office is closed to the public but taking appointments.

E. Budget Review

- a. \$5,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2021-2022 school year.

The CAC reviewed this year's budget.

F. Discussion Items

- a. California Department of Education Special Education Workgroup Reports

Ms. Janet Queneau gave an overview of the two workgroups, the Alternative Pathways to a High School Diploma Workgroup and the Individual Education Program (IEP) Workgroup, developed by the California Department of Education as a result of bill SB-74 Budget Act of 2020.

The Alternative Pathways to a High School Diploma Workgroup's purpose is to study existing and develop new pathways for students with disabilities to satisfy the requirements for a high school diploma and develop an alternate diploma pathway.

The Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Workgroup is charged with making recommendations to ensure the IEP development and periodic review processes are designed to improve student outcomes and in designing a standardized state IEP template. The CAC reviewed the proposed template and discussed concerns.

- b. Parent trainings

Ms. Janet Queneau reviewed resources available on the WACSEP website. WACSEP staff is working on developing parent trainings but has encountered some delays due to being short staffed. She shared that the pre-recorded trainings from the 2021 resource fair are available for viewing on the website and can be shared with other parents. WACSEP is in the process of updating the website platform and working to make the website more user friendly.

- c. Disability Resource and Transition Fair

- i. Possible date(s)?

CAC discussed pushing the fair out as far as possible to increase attendance, possibly in April. CAC would like to sponsor an in person event, if county orders allow at the time.

- ii. Location?

CAC discussed location options and agreed that Pioneer High School was

a great location as it was central to the SELPA. The location seemed to help increase attendance at the last in person fair despite it being a rainy day.

d. Other

No other item was discussed.

G. Action Items

- a. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$2,000 for interpretation and translation services for CAC sponsored 2021-2022 parent events.

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H. Director's Comments

- a. Senate Bill 639 - Minimum Wage for People with Disabilities

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that Senate Bill 639 that was presented at the legislative sharing day appointments as something CAC would like to encourage had passed. This bill was for sheltered workshops for adults with disabilities that were getting paid cents on the dollar for their work. The idea behind this bill is that no one should get paid less than minimum wage. The workgroup will need to develop a plan by January of 2023 to be implemented by 2025.

b. Other

No other item was discussed.

- I. Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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