

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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JANET QUENEAU
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Community Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m. on May 12, 2022
8036 Ocean View Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call** - The meeting opened at approximately 10:15 a.m.

East Whittier - Present

El Rancho - Present

Little Lake - Present

Los Nietos - Absent

South Whittier - Absent

Whittier City - Present

Whittier Union - Present

- 2. Approval of Agenda for May 12, 2022**

Moved: Lorrie Ruiz

Seconded: Joel Escobar

Vote: 5-0

- 3. Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2022**

Moved: Alexandria Duchi

Seconded: Joel Escobar

Vote: 5-0

- 4. Public Input**

Celia Fletes, from Parent's Place Family Empowerment Center, shared that the organization serves families of San Gabriel, Pomona, and a small part of Whittier from 0 to 3 years of age up through adults. Additionally, she shared that they would be holding an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Introduction workshop via zoom on 5/18/22 from 10-11:30am, as well as The Effective Communication In the IEP Meeting workshop via zoom on 6/22/22 from 10-11:30am.

5. Budget Review

- a. \$5,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - i. Approved Expenses thus far for 2021-2022
 - a) Not to exceed \$2,000 for interpretation and translation services for CAC sponsored 2021-2022 parent events.
 - b) Not to exceed \$1,200 for food and beverages associated with the 2022 Disabilities Resource and Transition Fair.

The CAC reviewed this year's budget and approved expenses thus far.

6. Discussion Items

- a. Disability Resource and Transition Fair - Thursday, May 12, 2022
 - i. Time - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. Breakout Sessions - 4:15 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 5:45 p.m.
 - iii. Location - Pioneer High School

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the Fair is tonight. She welcomed everyone to come and participate at the CAC table. Janet discussed the topics of the breakout sessions:

- 1) Transitions through school
- 2) Diploma, Certificate of Completion, and Alternative Pathways, and
- 3) Frequently Asked SSI Questions by Transition Age Young Adults and Their families.

Ms. Janet Queneau discussed that we have several vendors signed up, with some last minute add ons, a resource table, raffles, baskets, gift cards and food for the first 100 people. She is not sure about the turn out after COVID, but is hoping that many families attend.

- b. Virtual Legislative Sharing Day - Feedback

Ms. Hilda Lopez, Ms. Veronica Ramirez, Ms. Gloria Ruiz, and Ms. Janet Queneau attended Virtual Legislative Sharing Day on May 4.

Ms. Veronica Ramirez shared that there were a lot of inspirational and success stories. She enjoyed being able to meet with Senator Bob Archuleta and other representatives.

Ms. Janet Queneau discussed SB 1113, "The Inclusion Bill". The bill focuses on training for administrators and general education teachers. We've trained special education teachers, but general education and administrators don't always know how to support students with disabilities in the general education environment. Ms. Janet Queneau also discussed that there were great conversations with Senator Bob Archuleta and Assembly Member Lisa Calderon; they were able to meet in person with these legislators. Next year, Legislative Sharing Day may be

in person, but this is still unknown. Ms. Janet Queneau pointed out that we don't have to wait for 1 time a year to meet with legislators; we can schedule meetings with our representatives at other times. Senator Bob Archuleta has come to WACSEP before.

Ms. Gloria Ruiz also sent information to Senator Bob Archuleta to co-author SB 113.

c. Customized CAC Tablecloth and Banner

Ms. Janet Queneau discussed using the CAC budget to have a banner or tablecloth for training, meetings or fairs. She will bring it up in the fall to use those funds for this.

Ms. Alexandria Duchi shared that she has resources for banners of potential vendors.

d. Parent Trainings in the Fall

Ms. Janet Queneau discussed wanting to plan for fall.

Ms. Alexandria Duchi would like training on the IEP process and parent involvement, differences between school services, as well as the differences and miscommunications between general education and special education - having a communication bridge to address the gap, after school programs access, and a workshop to facilitate communication.

Ms. Veronica Ramirez would like a parent support group, forum for community unity, to share resources, as parents get overwhelmed

Ms. Lorrie Ruiz would like training on the middle school population, topics such as puberty, behaviors, for parents with students in or will be in, for support .

Ms. Celia Fletes from Parent's Place suggested parents university to cover use of parent portal, zoom, ipads etc.

Ms. Janet Queneau stated she will speak with directors regarding district specific needs.

Mr. Glenn Edwards discussed district wide communication, explained each school has their own communication regarding events, everyone at that specific school will get those communications. He also discussed the disparity between parents that have access to technology. He explained the difficult part is getting parents to access the available trainings. He stated we must know your community first, because each school community is different.

Ms. Janet Queneau explained that the communities are very different within the seven school districts in our SELPA, and we must provide as much access as possible.

As far as trainings, we will have more recordings. We are working on a new website hopefully by the fall. We will have training around autism best practices, we've already done some on behavior, and the IEP process.

e. L.I.N.C. Presentation

Ms. Victoria Gluck, WACSEP School Psychologist, provided a presentation on L.I.N.C., a training and support series for parents when students are identified as newly eligible for special education.

f. Annual Service Plan and Annual Budget Plan Presentation

Ms. America Saisho presented the 2022-2023 Annual Service and Budget Plan for the SELPA.

7. Action Items

- a. It is recommended that \$275.00 be approved to pay for the 2022 Disability Resource and Transition Fair supplies and gifts for the presenters.

Moved: Joel Escobar
Seconded: Lorrie Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

- b. It is recommended that the following CAC Board meeting dates be approved for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved: Joel Escobar
Seconded: Alexandria Duchi
Vote: 5-0

September 15, 2022
November 17, 2022
January 19, 2023
March 16, 2023
May 18, 2023

8. Director's Comments

a. Governor's Revised Budget for 2022-23 - Mid May

Ms. Janet Quenau reported that the Governor's budget came out in January. The Senate and Assembly have been negotiating with the governor for the past several months. The governor is required to have a revised budget by May 14. It is anticipated that the revised budget will be available by tomorrow, which will be for all funding, including education.

b. Thank you

Ms. Janet Quenau expressed her gratitude to CAC for all of your support and dedication throughout the year. This was a very unusual year, with lots of ups and downs. She shared her appreciation to all of the members and their time commitment. She stated that she hopes to see you at the Fair tonight.

c. Other

9. Adjournment- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Moved: Joel Escobar

Seconded: Veronica Ramirez

Vote: 5-0