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Eric Lendvai, CAC Chairperson

March 18, 2015  
Date

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**\_Minutes**

**February 25, 2015**

**6:15 P.M. Networking 6:30- 8:30 P.M. Meeting**

**North County Regional Education Center**

**255 Pico Avenue, First Floor**

**San Marcos, CA 92069**

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Eric Lendvai, CAC Chairperson
  - a. Meeting commenced at 6:38 pm.
  - b. Families and staff are encouraged to attend CAC meetings in person to participate in the discussions, ask questions, meet others, and find resources. But for those who are unable to attend, we are filming the meetings to see if it is effective in making the meetings accessible to more people. Meeting videos are posted in English and Spanish to the NCCSE website (English link: <http://www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts> Spanish link: <http://www.nccse.org/videos-y-notas-de-las-juntas-del-cac>).
  - c. Those who do not wish their image to be on the video, be sure to stay well away from the area being filmed.
  - d. Everyone who speaks is asked to use the microphone. This is to insure that anyone who is otherwise unable to hear can participate fully in the meeting, as well as to capture sound for filming.
  - e. The CAC newsletter has a new format and is now sent to over 5000 families, teachers and others.
- II. Focus Topic: Common Core State Standards – What do they mean for students with IEPs?
  - a. Presented by: Julie Hong, Coordinator, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
  - b. See this presentation, power point and imbedded videos regarding CCSS and students with IEPs on the NCCSE website at [www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts](http://www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts). Questions and answers followed the presentation.
- III. Program Director’s Report – Bruce Kramer, Senior Director, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
  - a. Information from the latest meeting of the 130 state SELPA directors (Special Education Local Plan Area – NCCSE is one of them): For the next few weeks activity is expected from the California Legislature on numerous bills. The State Special Education Task Force is expected to release a report on the funding and design of special education services. SELPA directors are hoping for more flexibility in how students with disabilities are served under CCSS, especially in general education classes and also in certification for special education teachers.
  - b. NCCSE now has an additional audiologist, Dr. Amanda Levy on staff. There are now 2 audiologists who serve approximately 320 students within the 14 NCCSE school districts.
  - c. The NCCSE Board of Governors (the superintendents of the 14 NCCSE member school districts) recently approved the 2015-2016 budget. It includes continued support at the same level for parent and CAC activities and the local mediation process entitled Resolutions for Student Success (RSS).
  - d. Four years ago NCCSE opened the North County Academy, a school for middle and high school

students with serious mental health concerns. Recently this school received WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation. It is very unusual for a separate school to receive this highly respected accreditation.

- IV. Approval of January 2015 Minutes - Eric Lendvai
  - a. Approved and seconded with no changes.
- V. Excellence in Special Education Award Nominations – Joanne Stress, CAC Executive Board Member
  - a. Nominations are open through tonight's meeting
  - b. 11 categories
  - c. Anyone can make a nomination.
  - d. Award recipients are chosen anonymously. Nominees not chosen for an award and their supervisors are notified that they were nominated and by whom after the awards ceremony has taken place.
  - e. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
  - f. It is the last CAC meeting of the year and CAC representatives are hosts for the ceremony and also receive recognition for their participation on the CAC.
- VI. 2014-2015 CAC Priorities Report – Michelle Wolfson, CAC Executive Board Member
  - a. The priorities report is the most important vehicle for the CAC to serve its function of advising the superintendents of the 14 NCCSE school districts. At the March 18 CAC meeting we will review and discuss this year's priorities report. Please take a few moments to read it over before that meeting. It is available on the NCCSE website at [www.nccse.org/about-the-cac](http://www.nccse.org/about-the-cac) from the link at the bottom of the page.
  - b. In April the CAC representatives and their special education directors will meet to celebrate the progress each district has made on their chosen goals from this year's report and also to give input to next year's report. Also included for the first time this year is student input, which is printed in italics in the right hand columns on the report.
  - c. After the April meeting, the priorities subcommittee will meet to draft next year's report. Once it is approved it will be given to the special education directors and superintendents at their May/June meetings.
- VII. 2015-2016 CAC Executive Board Nominations – Lisa Houghtelin, NCCSE Parent Liaison
  - a. Nominations are open until the next CAC meeting on March 18, 2015.
  - b. Feel free to self-nominate. If you are nominating another person, please secure their approval first.
  - c. All CAC representatives are welcome to attend CAC Executive Board meetings. This might be a good way to determine if you are interested in becoming a board member.
  - d. Nominations can be given at the next CAC meeting or sent to Lisa Houghtelin, Parent Liaison at [lhoughtelin@sdcoe.net](mailto:lhoughtelin@sdcoe.net)
  - e. New board members will be approved at the April meeting and take office on June 1, 2015.
- VIII. Public Comments – Stephanie Rubino, CAC Executive Board Member
  - a. At each CAC meeting, time is set aside to accept public comments.
  - b. We welcome public comments – they can be acknowledgement of good practices, or questions or concerns about special education services that impact groups of children.
  - c. Comments are recorded in the CAC minutes, which are distributed to the NCCSE district superintendents and special education directors.
  - d. A written version must be given to a CAC Executive Board member so that it can be accurately recorded for the minutes and for a response.
  - e. Your comment may be presented by yourself, or you may ask the CAC chairperson to read it, and it can be presented anonymously if you choose.
  - f. In compliance with the Brown act, there will be no **action** taken at the meeting in which a comment is made, though there may be time for discussion.
  - g. The Executive Board will respond to comments at the following CAC meeting.

- h. In order to make sure we have time to finish required business, individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes for their presentation. The total time allotted for public comment shall not exceed 15 minutes per meeting.
  - i. If there is time left once all public comments are made at a meeting, the floor will open for discussion of any of the comments for the remainder of the 15 minute time allowed.
  - j. There were no public comments.
- IX. State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Surveys for Input to Next Five Year Plan
- a. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state agency to ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families receive the services and supports they need. (from the website at <http://www.scdd.ca.gov/>)
  - b. They are preparing their next 5 year plan, which will determine where efforts are focused.
  - c. Surveys can be obtained from the San Diego and Imperial Office by calling (619) 688-3323.
  - d. Family input is important in shaping their efforts for the next five years.
- X. CAC Meeting and Subcommittee Sign Ups – Lisa Houghtelin – NCCSE Parent Liaison
- a. Sign-ups to help with CAC meetings and Subcommittees are available. Representatives please sign up as your time and interest allow.
  - b. Thank you to Monica Hans for passing the microphone tonight and to Julie Kingsley and Michelle Wolfson for helping participants to sign in.
- XI. Family Resources – Julie Law-Cheeseman, CAC Vice Chairperson
- a. Will be emailed next week.
  - b. Please be sure to see resources in Spanish also.
  - c. Telephone number for NCCSE workshop information in Spanish and English: 888-797-5575.
- XII. Small group discussions
- a. Attendees briefly discussed information that was presented at the meeting.
- XIII. Adjourn at 8:25 pm – Eric Lendvai
- a. The next public CAC meeting is on February 25, 2015 and the presentation topic will be Overview of the new state testing and what it means for students with IEPs Networking and refreshments followed.