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Eric Lendvai, CAC Chairperson

February 25, 2015  
Date

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**January 21, 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 6:35 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, the meetings are also filmed and posted on the NCCSE website at <http://www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts>
  - 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 Family page of the NCCSE website has been reconfigured so that information is more accessible.
  - f. The CAC email newsletter has a new format and is now sent to over 5000 families, teachers and others.
- II. Focus Topic: Including High School Students with Disabilities in Elective Classes
  - a. Presented by: Janine Shelton, teacher at Vista High School and students Caitlyn Barber, Yesenia Vargas, Susana Colores and Carissa Mattison Band and English teacher at La Costa Canyon High School and students Ryan Mitchell, Michael Gould, Elizabeth Stress and Chet Przybysz. The teachers and students presented the successes of including students with disabilities in band, agriculture, Future Farmers of America club and other high school classes. The presentation is available as a part of the meeting video at [www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts](http://www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts).
- III. Developmental Disabilities Area Board XIII – Michele Geving, Community Program Specialist
  - a. Area Board XIII helps to ensure that people with developmental disabilities within San Diego and Imperial Counties receive the services required in the Lanterman Act, a California state law which governs the services received by people with developmental disabilities. Area Board XIII supports people with disabilities and their families to advocate for these services. They also provide a quality of life assessment and follow up support for adults with developmental disabilities who would like this service. Families in the audience thanked Michele for the help that the Area Board has given them and their children. Families and people with disabilities can access their services by calling either 619-688-3323 or 1-800-748-2055. Website: [www.scdd.ca.gov/areaboard13.htm](http://www.scdd.ca.gov/areaboard13.htm)
  - b. Families can support funding for the services in the Lanterman Act by contacting their state legislator and letting them know what services are important to them and their children.
  - c. The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is the state-wide agency which helps to ensure adequate services for people with developmental disabilities and which coordinates the

activities of all of the Area Boards throughout California. The SCDD is in the process of deciding where to focus its energies for the next five years. As a result, a public meeting will be held at the NCCSE office building on Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 pm, hosted by Area Board XIII Executive Director, Mary Ellen Stives. People with developmental disabilities and their families are encouraged to come and let the SCDD know what services they would like to be included in the next five year plan.

IV. Approval of November 2014 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 until the next CAC meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2105.
- b. 11 categories
- c. Anyone can make a nomination.
- d. Nomination forms will be emailed out and are also available on the NCCSE website home page at [www.nccse.org](http://www.nccse.org).
- e. 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.
- f. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.
- g. 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. 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 Committee 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 committee 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.

VII. 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 Terri Stashak (Vista CAC parent representative) and Leigh Noonan (Vista staff representative) for greeting participants and helping them to sign in and to Kelly Ramos (Oceanside parent representative) for passing the microphone at tonight's meeting.

VIII. 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.

IX. Small group discussions

- a. Attendees briefly discussed information that was presented at the meeting.

X. Adjourn at 8:15 pm – Eric Lendvai

- a. The next public CAC meeting is on February 25, 2015 and the presentation topic will be Common Core State Standards (CCSS): What do they mean for students with IEPs?
- b. Networking and refreshments followed.