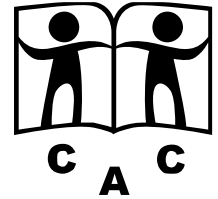




APPROVED

February 24, 2016



Liz Tashma, CAC Chairperson

Date

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

January 20, 2016

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 – Liz Tashma, CAC Chairperson
 - a. Meeting commenced at 6:36 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. For those unable to attend, meetings are filmed to make them accessible. Meeting videos are posted in English and Spanish to the NCCSE website (English link: www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts Spanish link: 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.
- II. Focus Topic: Supporting Elementary School Students to Participate in Their IEP Process
 - a. Presented by: Rebecca Nobriga, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education; Katie Hurst, Special Education Specialist; and Emily Glassford-Valenzano, Special Education Specialist all from the Solana Beach School District
 - b. See this presentation on the NCCSE website at www.nccse.org/cac-meeting-videos-and-handouts. Note that the presentation includes resources. A full workshop will be given on this topic in the future
 - c. Questions and answers followed the presentation.
- III. Program Director's Report – Bruce Kramer, Senior Director, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
 - a. There is a 3.75% increase in Proposition 98 school funding in Governor Brown's first budget for 2017. There is not expected to be much change in this budget as it goes through the approval process. Most of the funding is provided to individual district general education funds through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), but is expected to trickle down to special education in the NCCSE districts.
 - b. For the third year in a row, special education services were given just a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of .47%.
 - c. The NCCSE Cabinet (special education directors of the 14 NCCSE member school districts) approved the 2016-2017 NCCSE budget. Approval will be on the agenda of the next Board of Governors (superintendents of the 14 NCCSE member school districts) at their next meeting. As it has for the past five years, the budget maintains the current level of funding for NCCSE services and staff. This includes significant support for the work of the Community Advisory Committee, which provides for workshops, meetings, events and the NCCSE Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) service, named the Resolutions for Student Success (RSS)
 - d. NCCSE may receive about \$21,000 in federal funding to offset some of the cost of the RSS services. The RSS services are coordinated by the Exceptional Family Resource Center (EFRC) through a contract with NCCSE. The EFRC is a neutral third party that employs the mediator Susan Carlton-Bahm.

- e. Question from the audience regarding the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). The CAHSEE is no longer in effect. Students who fulfilled all graduation requirements except for passing the CAHSEE from 2006 on may now be eligible for a high school diploma. It is expected that there will be a new examination based on Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in the next few years.
- IV. Approval of November 2015 meeting minutes – Liz Tashma
- a. Motion to approve and seconded.
 - b. Approved.
- V. Proposed CAC By-Law Amendment – Liz Tashma
- a. The North County Academy is a school provided by the 14 NCCSE school districts to serve students with significant mental health concerns. There are elementary and secondary campuses. Currently each of the 14 school districts appoints one to three parent representatives and one staff representative. The proposed By-Law amendment adds one parent and one staff representative from North County Academy.
 - b. The proposed By-Law amendment was originally presented at the November 2015 CAC meeting.
 - c. Motion to approve and seconded.
 - d. Approved.
- VI. Excellence in Special Education Award Nominations – Joanne Stress, Executive Board Member
- a. Award nominations are open until March 2, 2016. The awards ceremony is scheduled for May 25, 2016. Nominations can be made in 11 categories. Nomination forms are posted on the NCCSE website soon at www.nccse.org
- VII. Public Comments – Stephanie Rubino, 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. 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. There were no public comments.
 - i. Highlights of two previous public comments:
 - 1. Comment: make CAC meetings more accessible. Response: several options were discussed in depth, resulting in recording and posting of CAC meetings.
 - 2. Comment: increasing student voices on CAC. Response: Student voices included in the priorities report, increased number of student presentations at CAC, workshop by self-advocate for parents and high school students.
- VIII. CAC Meeting and Subcommittee Sign-Ups – Lisa Houghtelin, Parent Liaison, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
- a. Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers for the Awards Selection Subcommittee, the Awards Ceremony Subcommittee and the Priorities Subcommittee.
- IX. Family Resources – Julie Law-Cheeseman, Executive Board Member
- a. Upcoming workshops were highlighted.
 - b. Resources in Spanish are included.
 - c. Telephone number for NCCSE workshop information in Spanish and English: 888-797-5575.
- X. Adjourned at 7:50 pm – Liz Tashma

- a. The next public CAC meeting is on February 24, 2016 and the presentation will be given by the Interagency Transition Services Taskforce. Karen Thompson, San Marcos Unified CAC staff representative gave a short preview of the presentation.

**North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
2015-2016 CAC ATTENDANCE SHEET**

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	STATUS	S-16	O-13	N-18	J-20	F-24	M-23	A-20	M-25
Bonsall	Melissa Curras	Parent	x	x	e	x				
	Jennifer Richards	Parent	e							
	Joe Gora	Staff	e	x						
Cardiff	Rachel Ackerly	Parent		x		x				
	Vacant	Parent								
	Jayne Hartman	Staff	x		x	x				
Carlsbad	Robie Leonardi	Parent			x					
	Dana Mikel	Parent			e					
	Michelle Wolfson/Executive Board	Parent	x	x	x	x				
	Vacant	Staff								
Del Mar	Andrea Siler	Parent	x	x						
	Vacant	Parent								
	Kristen Co	Staff	x	x		x				
Encinitas	Melanie Landers	Parent	x	x						
	Stephanie Rubino	Parent	x	x	x	x				
	Alejandra Gonzalez	Staff	x	x						
Fallbrook Elem.	Beth Hamill	Parent								
	Hannah LaFrenz	Parent	x	e						
	Rotating Staff	Staff		x						
Fallbrook High	Paulette Britton	Parent	x	x		x				
	Vacant	Parent								
	Vacant	Staff								
North County Academy	Erika Horn	Parent				e				
Oceanside	Kelly Ramos	Parent	x	x	e	x				
	Liz Tashma/Executive Board	Parent	x	x	x	x				
	Kristina Rhodes	Parent	x	x						
	Monica Hans	Staff	x	x	e	x				
Rancho Santa Fe	Carrie Crockett	Parent	e	x						
	Jennifer Levine	Parent	e							
	Nicole Aschenbrenner	Staff	x	x		x				
San Dieguito High	Joanne Stress/Executive Board	Parent	x	e	x	x				
	Julie Law-Cheeseman/Executive Board	Parent	e	x	e	x				
	Amy Briggs	Staff	x	x						
San Marcos	Eric Lendvai/Executive Board	Parent	e	x		x				
	Julie Ilaoa	Parent	x	x	e	e				
	Shanna Llewellyn	Parent	x	x	e	e				
	Karen Thompson	Staff	x	x		x				
Solana Beach	Summer Carlin	Parent	x	x	e	e				
	Lisa Broussard	Parent	x	x						
	Dawn Fairchild	Staff	x	x	x	x				
Vallecitos	Vacant	Parent								
	Vacant	Staff								
Vista	Terri Stashak	Parent	x	x	x	x				
	Katrina Bell	Parent	x	x						
	Faygene Barber	Parent	x	x	e	e				
	Leigh Noonan/Tracy Allison	Staff	e	x						
Community Member	Carmen Blum		x	e	x	x				
HOPE Infant Program	Julie Widman	Staff	x	x	x	e				
	Vacant	Parent								
EFRC	Susan Carlton-Bahm	Agency	e	e		e				
SDRC	Vacant	Agency								
NCCSE	Bruce Kramer/Lorraine Wyant	Senior Director	x	x	x	x				
NCCSE	Lisa Houghtelin	Parent Liaison	x	x	x	x				
TOTALS	PARENTS/STAFF/AGENCY		18/10/2	20/12/1	6/4/2	11/8/1				
	VISITORS		0	28		4				