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Date



APPROVED COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes

February 15, 2017

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 – Michelle Wolfson, CAC Co-Chairperson
 - a. Meeting commenced at 6:39 pm.
 - b. Families and staff are encouraged to attend Community Advisory Committee (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: Sue Liesegang, Encinitas Union School District, Nonviolent Crisis Intervention
 - a. Each NCCSE school district employs staff trainers certified in a method called **Nonviolent Crisis Intervention®**, developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute. This method teaches staff to intervene in safe, respectful and noninvasive ways with students who may be exhibiting a continuum of behaviors from anxiety to aggression. Sue Liesegang, an Education Specialist in Encinitas USD, is a CPI Master Associate Trainer with over ten years of experience in leading school teams through the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention® training and certification process. She provided an overview of the principles of the CPI's Nonviolent Crisis Intervention® training.
 - b. Questions and answers followed the presentation.
 - c. Handouts will be available on NCCSE website.

- III. Program Director's Report – Theresa Kurtz, Senior Director, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
 - a. State
 1. Two bills of interest currently:
 - a. AB 312 (Assembly Bill 312) introduced by O'Donnell, Long Beach

- i. Create state funding for special education preschools
 - ii. Equalize special education funding to SELPAs throughout the state. Currently NCCSE receives approximately \$510 per student per year. Some SELPAs receive as much as approximately \$1000 per student per year.
 - b. SB 328 (Senate Bill 328) introduced by Portantino of Los Angeles
 - i. Prohibits middle and high schools from starting the school day before 8:30 am. Based American Association of Pediatrics recommendations and with the thought that it might increase attendance.
- 2. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) report was released in November with a recommendation to send special education funding directly to districts rather than through SELPAs.
 - a. The State Advisory Committee on Special Education is meeting next week and will devote one-half day to this topic. Groups will speak, including the PPIC, districts and SELPA group, followed by small group work.
 - b. For a webcast and transcript of the meeting can be accessed through the CDE (California Department of Education) website.
- 3. The Special Edge – the newsletter of the California Department of Education, Special Education Division.
 - a. Contains information from the new Director of Special Education, and on innovative and best practices.
 - b. In the latest issue: Information on Unified Sports. These are school-based sport teams that include students with and without disabilities, including competition between schools. There is some funding available for these activities.
 - c. Access to Special Edge is available online at www.calstat.org/specialEdge.html

IV. Approval of January 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes -Michelle Wolfson, Executive Board Co-Chairperson

- a. Approved with a few grammatical corrections

V. Excellence in Special Education Award Nominations – Terri Stashak, Executive Board Member

- a. Award nomination forms are available on the NCCSE website (www.nccse.org) as well as at the NCCSE office.
- b. There are 11 categories of nominations, including teachers, administrators, related services providers, support staff, families, students, and employers.
- c. Anyone can make a nomination. This is an opportunity to recognize and reward those who are making a difference in our students' lives.

- d. A selection committee meets in April to choose those who will be recognized at the NCCSE Awards Ceremony, being held on May 31, 2017 this year. Awardees are chosen anonymously – the committee members have no information about the district, the school, the nominator or the nominees.
- e. The Awards Ceremony is an event that the CAC hosts and is well worth attending.
- f. Even if a nominee is not chosen to receive an award, they are notified after the Awards Ceremony has taken place that they were nominated and by whom. Their supervisors are also notified that they were nominated.

VI. Special Needs Resource Fair Review - Saturday February 11, 2017 – Monica Hans

- a. Over 20 agencies and recreation providers attended
- b. Well over 100 families members found needed resources
- c. Thank you to:
 - 1. Jimbo's who generously provided a huge amount of organic apples and baked goods
 - 2. CAC Representatives and Exhibitors: Rachel Ackerly & Terri Stashak
 - 3. CAC Representatives: Monica Hans, Taleisha Morris, Leigh Noonan, Stephanie Rubino, Julie Widman, Michelle Wolfson
 - 4. Interpreters: Lourdes Alarcon and Carmen Blum
 - 5. Students: Mia Hans and Katie Stashak
 - 6. Community Member: Kathryn Turner
 - 7. And of course the exhibitors

VII. CAC Priorities Report Process – Michelle Wolfson

- a. Directors and CAC representatives meet twice each year to work on the CAC Priorities Report
 - 1. October – each district team of director and CAC representatives choose one or two goals from the report to work on for the year
 - 2. April – each district team reports out on the progress they've been able to accomplish during the year, as well as give input for next year's report
 - 3. At the March 15, 2017 CAC meeting we will review the current Priorities Report for input and in preparation for the April meeting with directors and CAC representatives only
 - 4. The current CAC Priorities Report is available online at www.nccse.org on the Families home page.

VIII. Nominations for 2017-2018 CAC Executive Board – Lisa Houghtelin

- a. Open until the March 15, 2017 CAC meeting.
- b. There are eight positions on the board. Two positions are available.
- c. Any CAC representative may nominate themselves or another representative, with their permission.
- d. The commitment is to an additional meeting each month to plan upcoming meetings and other activities.

IX. 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. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The total amount of time allotted for public comment at each meeting is fifteen minutes.
 - g. There will be no action taken at the meeting in which a comment is made, though there may be time for discussion.
- X. CAC Meeting and Subcommittee Sign-Ups – Lisa Houghtelin, NCCSE Parent Liaison
- a. Sign-up sheets were passed around for CAC representatives to volunteer on the Priorities Report, Awards Selection, and Awards Ceremony committees.
- XI. Family Resources – Michelle Wolfson
- a. Upcoming workshops were highlighted and are in the meeting packet.
 - b. Additional resources are available on the resource table.
 - c. Telephone number for NCCSE workshop information in Spanish and English: 888-797-5575.
- XII. Adjourned at 8:05 pm – Michelle Wolfson
- a. The next public CAC meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017.
The presentation topic will be an update from the NCCSE Interagency Services Transition Taskforce.