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Date



APPROVED COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

March 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 6:40 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: Beyond Special Education Services: Building Independence Now for Life After High School: Karen Thompson, San Marcos Unified School District and Nathan Molina, San Dieguito Union High School District of the NCCSE Interagency Transition Services Taskforce
 - a. Handouts developed by the NCCSE Interagency Transition Services Taskforce were shared: 1) considerations for typical age appropriate transition considerations at home and school, 2) transition-related resources and 3) information regarding both diplomas and certificates of completion.
 - b. Questions and answers followed the presentation.
 - c. Handouts from this meeting as well as resources will be available on NCCSE website at <http://www.nccse.org/resources/transition-taskforce>

- III. Program Director's Report – Theresa Kurtz, Senior Director, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education
 - a. State legislation:
 1. Over 2600 pieces of legislation have been proposed.
 1. The deadline for fiscal-related bills to come out of subcommittees for vote is April 28
 2. The deadline for non fiscal-related bills to come out of subcommittees for vote is May 12.
 3. The Governor's revised budget is also due on May 15.

4. The legislature must adopt a new state budget by June 15.
2. Bills of interest currently:
 - a. SB191 (Senate Bill 191) introduced by Beall, San Jose
 - i. Allows school districts and counties to collaborate to provide mental health and substance abuse services to students with and without IEPs.
 - ii. Proposed funding with taxes from Proposition 4, which approved recreational marijuana.
 - b. 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 the 90th percentile for all SELPAs throughout the state.
 - iii. Currently NCCSE receives approximately \$510 per student per year. Some SELPAs receive as much as approximately \$1000 per student per year.
 - iv. If this bill is passed, each SELPA in California will receive approximately \$653 per student per year, which will increase funding to NCCSE by approximately 7.4 million per year.
 - v. This would only take special education funding to the same levels that were funded in 2007-2008. Since 2007-2008 student enrollment in NCCSE districts has decreased, which has decreased general funding for schools. At the same time, the cost of special education services has increased.
 - c. 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 on American Association of Pediatrics recommendations and with the thought that it might increase attendance.
3. Update on the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) report that recommends dismantling of the current SELPA (Special Education Local Plan Area) special education funding and governing structure. (Note: NCCSE is one of over 130 SELPAs in California.)
 - a. It also recommends funding for preschool services (which are currently mandated but not funded), and equalizing funding per student for all SELPAs across the state (as does AB312.)
 - b. The State Advisory Committee on Special Education met and sent a recommendation to the California State Board of Education to keep the SELPA structure and not roll special education funding to the districts. The California Department of Finance is holding four public input sessions

throughout California. Two of the four have already been held. Districts and SELPAs from San Diego County gave input at the one held in Los Angeles. The state SELPA directors were able to attend the Sacramento input meeting.

c. The Department of Finance is taking written input until the end of March.

4. If anyone would like to give input on the PPIC report or on SB312:

1. See handouts which include:

a. List of legislators on education finance subcommittees.

b. Local Assembly Member Rocky Chavez's geographic area includes the school districts of Oceanside, Carlsbad, Vista, Cardiff San Dieguito and Encinitas and he is on the Assembly Education Finance Subcommittee. Theresa was able to schedule an appointment with him on Friday, March 24. If anyone is interested in attending this appointment contact the NCCSE Parent Liaisons at 760-761-5120.

c. Key points and talking points related to AB 312 and the PPIC report were handout out, as well as contact information for legislators and a sample letter.

d. The sample letter is offered as a sample only. Please feel free to make any changes. It is also powerful to include personal stories.

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

a. Seconded and approved.

V. CAC Priorities Report Process – Eric Lendvai

a. The Priorities Report is one of the most important activities of the CAC. It is shared with directors and superintendents (advisory only). And directors and CAC representatives meet twice each year to work with the content of it:

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. Anyone with an interest is encouraged to send input to the NCCSE Parent Liaisons at lhoughtlein@sdcoe.net or Heidi.marshall@sdcoe.net

4. The current CAC Priorities Report is available online at www.nccse.org on the Families home page.

VI. Nominations for 2017-2018 CAC Executive Board – Terri Stashak

a. Open until the end of this 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.

- VII. Excellence in Special Education Awards Ceremony – Terri Stashak
 - a. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 pm.
 - b. It is an event that the CAC hosts and is the last CAC meeting of the year. Typically there is standing room only.
 - c. CAC representatives are asked to come to greet and provide assistance to our attendees.
 - d. Greeting hosts are needed as well as hosts to help people who cannot stand for that long to find seats.

- VIII. Public Comments – Stephanie Rubino
 - a. We welcome public comments – they can be acknowledgement of good practices, or questions or concerns about special education services that impact groups of children.
 - b. Comments are recorded in the CAC minutes, which are distributed to the NCCSE district superintendents and special education directors.
 - c. You may give the comment yourself or ask a board member to read it. It can also be submitted without your name attached to it.
 - d. A written version is also needed.
- IX. CAC Meeting and Subcommittee Sign-Ups – Heidi Marshall, NCCSE Parent Liaison
 - a. Sign-up sheets were passed around for CAC representatives to volunteer on the Priorities Report and Awards Ceremony committees.

- X. Family Resources – Julie Law-Cheeseman
 - 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.

- XI. Adjourned at 8:30 pm – Michelle Wolfson
 - a. The next public CAC meeting is the Excellence in Special Education Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6:30 pm.