

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Community Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m. on November 17, 2022
8036 Ocean View Avenue
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Minutes

A. Roll Call- The meeting opened at 10:04 a.m.

East Whittier- Present
El Rancho- Present
Little Lake - Present
Los Nietos - Absent
South Whittier - Present
Whittier City - Absent
Whittier Union - Present

B. Approval of Agenda for November 17, 2022

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Lorrie Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2022

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

D. Public Input

Michelle Sepulveda, of the Family Empowerment Center, introduced herself and invited the CAC Board to a partnership breakfast via Zoom on December 13, 2022.

E. Budget Review

- a. \$5,000 has been budgeted for CAC for the 2022-2023 school year.
The CAC Board reviewed the approved budget.

F. Discussion Items

- a. Appreciation - Veronica Ramirez

Ms. Janet Queneau thanked Veronica Ramirez for her time as Vice Chair.

b. Upcoming CAC Training - December 7, 2022 at WACSEP

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the flyer had been shared with all the member districts and had been distributed to SELPA parents via an email blast. She thanked the WACSEP team for putting the trainings together quickly. There are two sessions, one focused on autism and the other on the IEP process. Parents are able to attend one or both sessions and although registration was highly encouraged it would not be required. She reported that the flyer had been posted on the WACSEP website and Facebook. There were currently 20 people registered for the training.

c. 2023 Disability Resource and Transition Fair (DRTF)

i. Planning for 2023

The CAC Board reviewed the availability at Pioneer High School and decided to move forward with March 7th as the first option to hold the fair. Ms. Janet Queneau reviewed some of the ideas previously discussed for breakout sessions and would work with the transition teams to secure presenters as well. She asked the CAC Board to email any suggested recreation vendors to Jessica Burgos. The CAC Board discussed ways to increase attendee participation and vendor exposure. Ms. Hilda Lopez offered to donate a basket for the raffle.

ii. Vendor for food

The CAC Board reviewed food vendors and decided to move forward with the hamburger food option.

d. CAC tablecloth and DRTF banner - Price Increase

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that due to several factors, the previously approved vendor had a price increase and therefore would need to be re-approved for the increase in order to move forward with the order.

e. Meeting with Legislators Update

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that two great meetings were held; one in person with Senator Bob Archuleta and the second virtually with Assemblymember Lisa Calderon. Ms. Alexandria Duchi shared how impressed she was at how easy it was to talk to the Assemblymember about issues important to her as a parent. Ms. Hilda Lopez shared how supportive Senator Bob Archuleta has been. Ms. Gloria Ruiz reported how great it has been to meet with legislators multiple times and feels that it is an all around win when parents, agencies that provide services, and legislators

all work together. Additionally, Ms. Janet Queneau additionally shared that we were working with Assemblymember Lisa Calderon's office to solidify a date for her to visit WACSEP.

- f. Legislative Sharing Day
 - i. May 3, 2023 in Sacramento

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that the State SELPA Association sponsors a Legislative Sharing Day each year. This event entails a program in the morning for SELPAs from all over the state and their CAC parents followed by visits to the Capitol to meet with legislators to discuss special education issues. This will be the first year back in person since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The idea is to bombard the Capitol with people that can work with legislators to support special education issues. Per initial information received, the event is limited to 3 people per SELPA, including the SELPA Director.

The CAC Board discussed who traditionally has attended and who would attend in the future. It was decided that the CAC Chair and Vice Chair would attend in 2023 and it would be opened up to others the next year.

- g. Need to continue with a CAC Facebook page?

The CAC Board discussed the CAC Facebook page and agreed to delete the account as all information would be posted on the WACSEP Facebook page.

G. Action Items

- a. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$450 to pay for a CAC tablecloth and a Disability Resource and Transition Fair banner.

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Lorrie Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

- b. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$800 for interpretation and translation services for CAC sponsored 2022-2023 parent events.

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Lorrie Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

- c. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$250 for materials/supplies, snacks and beverages for the CAC sponsored parent training.

Moved: Lorrie Ruiz
Seconded: Hilda Lopez
Vote: 5-0

- d. It is recommended that two representatives from the CAC Board be approved to attend the Sacramento Legislative Sharing Day on May 2-3, 2023 at a not to exceed, estimated cost of \$1,250 per person.

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Glenn Edwards
Vote: 5-0

H. Director's Comments

- a. Update on WACSEP website

Ms. Janet Queneau shared a sneak peek of the new WACSEP website which she hoped would launch in January. She shared that the goal is to make it parent friendly, welcoming, and a one stop shop for resources. She thanked Ms. Adahena Gutierrez for all her work thus far in transferring the information and making it look nice.

- b. Inclusion Resolution from State SELPA Association

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that SB 113, the inclusion bill, was vetoed by the Governor. She reported that the State SELPA Association is not giving up and is hoping that another bill will be brought forward that is feasible and appropriate to support inclusive practices.

- c. Other items

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that she is still looking into a middle school presenter. She was aware that East Whittier was holding a parent series that included a middle school speaker but the presenter had not been used in the past. She had found out about an out of state presenter who was not currently traveling; her focus was on students with significant disabilities. She would continue to investigate and search for someone who could address a wider scope of students with disabilities..

- I. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 5-0

**Next CAC Board Meeting
January 19, 2023**