



Corona-Norco Unified School District Special Education CAC Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

6:04 Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

- ★ Members in Attendance: 9 - Randa, Mystie, Amy, Violette, Dawn, Andrea, Linsey, Alyssa (arrived at 6:07 pm), Jami (on Zoom)
- ★ Excused: 0
- ★ Unexcused: 0

<u>CAC Committee Board Officers</u>		
Randa Fletcher	Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mystie Hamelin	Vice-Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Paine	Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Violette Cortez	Community Relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<u>Board Members</u>		
Dawn Rust	Administrative SELPA Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Neptune	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jami Merchant	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linsey Krauss	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alyssa Garcia	Parent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Others Present: Jeff Frey, Attorney for the District; Evelyn, Translator for the District

6:05 Adoption of the Agenda

Vote:

1. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda with amendments: Randa
 - **Amendments:**
 1. At 7 pm: Inclusion Webpage Update should say Special Education Webpage Update
 2. At 7:25 pm: 6. Bylaws - strike "amend article"
2. **2nd:** Violette
3. **Discussion?** N/A
4. **Vote:** **Yes:** 7 - Randa, Mystie, Amy, Violette, Dawn, Andrea, Linsey; **No:** 0; **Abstain:** 0

Motion passed to adopt the Agenda with amendments



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6:07 In-Person Meeting

1. Who will need to be remote/absent for October? None

6:07 School Board Member Comments - N/A

6:08 SELPA Report - Dawn Rust, Administrative SELPA Director

1. 2023 -2024 SpEd OrgChart - distributed at the meeting; working on creating a staff directory for special education - **Reference #1**
2. CNUSD SIP goals - Continue to work on inclusive practices. 4-part training series that will begin this month for sped and gen ed teachers as pairs. The district continues to work with Katie Novak on UDL training
3. Update on UDL 10/1: Auburndale, River Heights, and CFIS will work with Katie Novak on UDL lessons.
4. Update on Fair and Accurate Grading - 10/2 secondary high schools Doug Reeves fair and accurate grading.

6:11 SELPA UPDATE

1. October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Sandra Roberts works on Workability - **Reference #2**

6:22 Public Comments - N/A

Official Business

6:22 General CNUSD Updates

1. LCAP Meeting Update - Mystie
 - 1st meeting is in October
2. Superintendent Meeting Update - Andrea
 - Andrea will follow up on when the first meeting of the school year is
3. School Board Update - Violette or Designee
 - Nothing to report
 - Randa will delete "School Board Update" next month



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6:25 Special Education Webpage Update - Andrea, Randa

- “Contact us” is up - shows program specialists assigned by schools including emails
- Waiting for an easy way for families to access special ed website
- There is a meeting next week with Kelly G. - Asking to add:
 - a FAQ section
 - a Quick link for families to find the Special Ed page from the main CNUSD webpage
 - Preschools - who to contact

6:29 Inclusion Policy Update - Andrea, Mystie

- Presented new language to include a separate section about the board policies that require some reporting requirements. The Executive Cabinet is working on approving - they are waiting on wording from attorneys to be able to move forward.

6:32 Student Placement and Program Options - Kelly G was going to present but is at a conference. **This is tabled until the October meeting**

1. Discuss SDC classes offered, specifically “Basic”, “Essentials”, and “Life Skills”
2. Discuss different diploma options that correlate to Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) courses

6:33 September Parent Training

- “How to Advocate for Your Child”
- Wendy Dumlao, Esq., September 28, 2023, 7 pm - 8 pm @ CNUSD Parent Center
- Violette will FB Live
- Andrea will set up a Zoom meeting and the link will be provided to Violette to add to Facebook marketing
- Will do both FB Live and Zoom meeting

6:35 October/November Parent Training

- “Student Behavior Supports”
- Morgan Seborowski, BCBA - owns an ABA company and has a contract with Chicago Public Schools
- Mystie will contact Morgan for the date and time

6:38 CAC Committee Updates - open discussions on committee positions

1. **Inclusive Practices** - Andrea
 - Randa requested Dawn to follow up for next month's meeting on what schools are doing co-teaching and in what subjects.



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2. Parents Helping Parents - Andrea

- Requested more people to join this committee
- Quite a few Andrea is working with and is overloaded
- Add Amy

3. Membership & Outreach - Randa, Violette

- Vote to approve new Membership Application

Vote:

1. **Motion** to adopt the new Membership Application: Violette
2. **2nd:** Violette
3. **Discussion?** N/A
4. **Vote:** **Yes:** 9 - Randa, Mystie, Amy, Violette, Dawn, Andrea, Jami, Linsey, Alyssa; **No:** 0; **Abstain:** 0

Motion passed to adopt the new Membership Application

- FB membership is growing - is up to over 500 members.

4. Research

- N/A

5. Legislation - Dawn, Jami

- SB354 Special Education Inclusive Practices. On the way to assembly.
- SB635 Health care coverage regarding hearing aids. On the way to assembly.
- AB248 Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities changing obsolete language.

6. Bylaws - Amy, Mystie

~~● Amend Article~~

- Randa - wants to add a section - Duty of Non-Officers taking on other committee work (i.e.: reporting on board meetings).
- Jeff advised we add a new article label as 5.6 for Duty of Non-Officers
- Amy & Mystie will review the bylaws and committees

7. Nomination -

- N/A

8. Local Plan Review Committee - Mystie, Randa

- Request meeting to discuss aligning Section B: Governance with CAC capacity with other single district SELPAs - updating the CAC budget in the local plan to add flyers, copies of parent rights, and anything else CAC would like financial support for.
- Per Dawn, the meeting will be in 2nd semester.
- Mystie will request input from CAC board members on things CAC would like financial support from the district.



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6:59 LEGO Event Collaboration with CNUSD Parent Center

- Working with Cassandra at the Parent Center. She is going to be reaching out to Riverside County of Education to get the details.
- RCOE is hosting another event on 10/7
- Need to decide if we want to put on the event for younger kids or older kids, and if we include adult transition-aged kids. Will wait to hear back from Cassandra to start planning.

7:04 Inclusion Opportunities at Victress Bowers

- Mystie reported that middle school kids would go to Victress Bowers and read with the kids. Covid happened and that stopped. Nothing like that has been brought back since.
- Dawn was asked to follow up on what other inclusive opportunities they are getting at this time.

7:09 MTSS Tier 1-3 (RBT) Equal Access to Students with Disabilities

- “A public entity may not deny a qualified individual with a disability the opportunity to participate in services, programs, or activities that are not separate or different, despite the existence of permissibly separate or different programs or activities.” CFR 35.130(b)(2)
- Mystie reports that this issue was mitigated nicely by the district.
- Background: A presentation was given to the Board recently about the MTSS tier 1-3 that was available to the district. When a special education teacher went to utilize these multi-tiered systems, they were denied and referred to special education since it had to do with a child in special education. Red flags arose that there may be a violation.
 - Mystie brought it to the attention of Dr. Thompkins and Tricia Thompson and they were proactive on the issue. They put together clarification in writing, shared it with CAC, and distributed it to all the principals and the school sites. Special education kids have full access to MTSS tiers just like general education students. They will also be sharing this verbally in a principal’s meeting.
 - Prior to the consideration of the MTSS Tier 3 RBT support, It was discussed with Trica the following alternative Tiered support should be exhausted:
 1. Tier 1
 - PBIS strategies - character education (This is a whole class instruction delivered by a school psychologist or counselor)



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2. Tier 2
 - STEPS program (This is a small group program at the elementary school level)
 - Small group counseling (this is more for the upper grades)
 - Requesting a non-SpEd specific Functional Behavioral Assessment also referred to as an FBA to determine the function of the behavior (This training is currently being delivered to all the school psychologists) coupled with a Behavioral Intervention Plan also known as a BIP. These referrals can be made to the school psychologist or to the TSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) specific to the MTSS site support.
3. Tier 3:
 - Wellness Together program
 - 1:1 Therapy for the secondary students.

7:15 Coffee Talk

- 16 parents attended plus 5 board members, 21 Total
- Share the changes happening on the website to make it easier for the parents to access information such as contact information.
- The next "Talk" is 10/12 from 10-12 at the Parent Center

7:18 Board Comments

1. Andrea - Suggests CAC fundraiser or ask Dawn (District) to help - get books that empower the parents and house them at the Parent Center as resources to check out from there. Books such as - "WrightsLaw", "How Do I Include This Kid". The hope would be that they wouldn't need to access us for everything.
2. Violette - Great idea by Andrea. Requested Andrea to provide a list of books and she will share and post it on FaceBook for parents to access in the meantime.
3. Mystie
 - Wants to acknowledge from the last meeting that Stacy Nikola, a School Board member, was the first one to apologize to parents regarding the situation with the paraeducators at the beginning of the school year.
 - John Adam Elementary did a presentation on the reclassification of students out of English language classes. The state average was 40% (moved up in their level of classification), John Adams improved 73%, and 26% of the 73% were kiddos on IEPs. Great job John Adams!



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4. Jami

- Why is the CAC the only committee that has an attorney present at all board meetings?
- What is the cost of having this attorney attend every meeting?
- Encourage any schools that have the Reflections project to participate. There is a special category for students who have IEPs. You can reach out to your school site for more information. This year's theme is "I am Hopeful"

5. Randa

- Wants to make sure that our CAC board does everything through her first. If you are on a committee, report back to her. If you are heated about something, run it through her first. Don't want a bunch of different people going to district personnel and contacting them. Would like it to be filtered by a select few that she chooses.
- Make sure that we focus on our 2023-24 Target: Develop our inclusion policy, UDL in more schools, Fair and Accurate Grading (standard-based grading) throughout the district, support personnel training, and updating the Special Education website. Advisement: Training, FCMAT recommendations for preschools, LRE, and increasing co-teaching in classrooms at all levels. Want to have our agendas focused on these goals.
- She has been invited on behalf of the CAC to join the first annual CNUSD Wellness Summit in March 2024. The first meeting will be next month. She will report on it each month and put it under "General CNUSD Updates".
- Would like to thank Glen Gonsalves and Dr. Reggie Thompkins for being on top of all the concerns that came through last month's meeting. Sent an email to them as well.
- Chris Raahauge, a School Board Member, wanted to inform us that they plan to adopt having a school board member at every one of the CAC meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

7:29 Motion to Approve September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Vote:

1. **Motion** to approve Meeting Minutes with amendments: Mystie
 - **Amendments:**
 1. Page 2 under CNUSD SIP Goals change "KT Novak" to "Katie Novak"
 2. Anywhere it says "FICMAT", change it to "FCMAT"
 3. Anywhere it says "CSCA", change it to "CSEA"
2. **2nd:** Andrea
3. **Discussion?** N/A
4. **Vote:** **Yes:** 8 - Randa, Mystie, Amy, Violette, Andrea, Jami, Linsey, Alyssa;
No: 0; **Abstain:** 1 - Dawn

Motion passed to approve and adopt meeting minutes as amended



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8:00 Meeting Adjourned

Vote:

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Alyssa
2. 2nd: Mystie

Motion passed

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 28, 2023, Parent Training: "How to Advocate for Your Child" 7:00 - 8:00 pm, CNUSD Parent Center 152 E. Sixth St, Corona, CA 92879
- October 19, 2023, CAC Board Meeting 6 pm - 8 pm at the District Office, J West Building at District offices.

REFERENCES

- *All references are located on the CNUSD CAC website under **Agendas***
- *References could be presentations, files, documents, and/or any other supporting information presented during the meeting.*

Reference #1: 2023 -2024 SpEd OrgChart, Dawn Rust

Reference #2: Workability Presentation, Sandra Roberts