

Community Advisory Committee Meeting
September 10, 2008
Soquel Union Elementary School District ~ Board Room
620 Monterey Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

<u>MINUTES</u>

1.0 Call to Order

We waited till 6:45pm to see if we would have a quorum. We did not so we were not able to have an official meeting. The group determined that they did want to go ahead with an information gathering.

2.0 Roll Call

Those in Attendance:

- ▶ Victoria George, CAC Chair
- ▶ Rebecca Cernac, Chair in training
- ▶ Tracey Marquart
- ▶ Katie Merchant, CAC liaison to SEC
- ▶ Susie Christenson, parent visitor
- ▶ Janet Edwards, SUESD parent rep
- ▶ Kathy Brewington, SUESD parent rep
- ▶ Jill Wilhelm
- ▶ Kim Tuson
- ▶ Jeff Darling, SARC liaison
- ▶ Peter McLean, parent visitor

3.0 Review and approval of Minutes from last Meeting, 5/14/08

Because we did not have a quorum we were not able to do so. They will be brought back in November.

4.0 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Because we did not have a quorum we were not able to act on this item. Although, one audience member did want to hear more about what is happening with the Autism Task Force and wanted updates on the Chrysalis program.

5.0 Public Input (For items not on the agenda - Three minutes per person)

See above

Here are some items that the group wanted to hear more about:

- ▶ *What is happening with the Autism Task Force, see the report from Victoria George*
- ▶ *Updates on the Chrysalis program, see report from V. George*
- ▶ *How can the parent reps relay information from CAC back to their own parent community? This was discussed in some depth. There really is no “set” way to do this. Each rep should come up with a method that suits them and their district.*
- ▶ *How are parents supposed to carry their concerns to the right people in their district in order to “get something accomplished”? Katie Merchant addressed this issue. Basically the parent needs to start with the person closest to the student; teacher, case manager, principal, special ed director and lastly the SELPA director.*

6.0 Reports

A. **Chairperson**, *Victoria George has a report which is attached.*

B. **SELPA Administrator**, *Dan Cope was at SELPA directors and could not attend. His report is attached.*

C. **CAC Liaison**, *Katie Merchant reported as follows:*

- ▶ *As noted above, Katie responded to how to lodge a concern.*
- ▶ *At LOSD they attach the CAC flyer to all their "Parents Right". She is encouraging the other directors to do so as well. It seems to be catching on.*
- ▶ *She is encouraging Special Ed directors to accompany their new parent reps to their first CAC meeting.*
- ▶ *On 9/26 and 27 the Morgan Center is offering a workshop- parents as well as educators are welcomed. The Saturday (9/27) day is more appropriate for parent participation. See Katie for more info if you are interested in attending.*
- ▶ *A parent asked about the TCI training that she understood the bus drivers were supposed to take prior to school starting this fall. Katie believes that this happened. She commended Dale Knight, (asst Supt. COE of last year) for all the good work he did with organizing and bringing all the districts transportation depts... in sync with each other. Some discussion ensued about when it is appropriate for students to be transported. This is an IEP team decision. Katie recommends that parents (whose student is transported) contact the transportation manager to discuss any concerns they may have.*

7.0 Discussion/~~Action Items~~—NO QUORUM – NOT ABLE TO ACT

A. Informational CAC Workshops for 08-09/Review Topics/Action

- ▶ *October, 2008 – Dental Workshop for Students with Disabilities*
Jeff Darling from SARC reported on this workshop. See the attached flyer. All flyers have been distributed to all Special Ed directors in the SELPA who have distributed them to their families. Most are sent home in the backpack. Jeff reports that they are very excited about bringing this information to our families. There is grave shortage of dental care in community for our typically developing peers; it is grossly exaggerated for our special needs community. The workshop will be led by Karina Strickland, RDHAP (Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice). This is a new profession of dental care specialists. This classification of dental care person can perform dental hygiene without the oversight of a dentist. Many of our CAC members are actively involved in the development of this workshop.
- ▶ *January, 2009 – Super flex with Stephanie Madrigal*
- ▶ *March 11, 2009 – IEP team meetings. Victoria George asked Susie Christianson if she would like to help design this workshop. Perhaps it would be useful to target the points of IEP team meetings as they pertain to younger children?*

B. **Membership for 2008-2009**, Current Membership was attached and distributed. *Some adjustments were noted.*

- ▶ *Janice Ranson, LOSD is being replaced by Erica Sowder (LSH). This was just approved at the LOSD board meeting. Erica was hoping to come tonight but appeared not to be able to make it.*
- ▶ *Valerie Diaz, parent from SCCS will no longer be able to serve on CAC.*
- ▶ *Small Districts continue to have a hard time showing representation. Victoria wants to work on shoring up their participation.*

C. Recognition of Special People Update - *Nothing to update at this time. Nomination forms will go out January 2009.*

D. Poster, *passed out posters to all of our parent reps. They will distribute in their districts wherever they and their special ed directors feel they will get the most attention.*

E. Art Competition - *The flyer announcing the current art competition was distributed. It was also sent home to all of our special needs students in the SELPA.*

F. April CAC meeting date *was scheduled for the week that SUESD is on Spring Break. Dan and Cheryl will be on vacation. As we were w/out a quorum a decision could not be made about whether we should look at rescheduling or simply dropping the meeting. We do not need to have the meeting. We have enough scheduled to meet our requirements.*

8.0 Announcements

A. SELPA Workshops for 2008-2009 - *handouts were in the packet and available for all visitors.*

9.0 Update from the General Attendance Committee- *There was no new information to report at this time.*

10.0 Future Agenda Items- *without a quorum we were not able to address this issue.*

11.0 Close-*again, without a quorum we were unable to address this formally but we left about 8:30pm*