

Community Advisory Committee  
**November 18, 2010**  
Santa Cruz County office of Education  
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Board Room  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Approved Minutes**

**1.0 Call to Order**

Rebecca Cernac, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Rebecca Cernac, Chairperson took roll.

Bonny Doon Elementary	X	Wendy Sibray
Delta Charter School	X	Kris Neustadter
Live Oak Elementary School District	X	Erica Sowder
Live Oak Elementary School District	X	Carmel Weifert
Live Oak Elementary School District	2	Unoccupied Seats
Happy Valley Elementary School District		Terry McKinny
Mountain Elementary School District		Terry McKinny
Pacific Elementary School District	1	Unoccupied Seat
Pacific Collegiate	X	Kris Neustadter
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District	X	Rebecca Cernac
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District	2	Unoccupied Seat
Santa Cruz City School Districts	X	Victoria George
Santa Cruz City School Districts	X	Kim Tuson
Santa Cruz City School Districts	4	Unoccupied Seats
Santa Cruz County Office of Education		Amanda Owens
Scotts Valley Unified School District	2	Unoccupied Seats
Soquel Union Elementary School District	X	Jenna Hanecak
Soquel Union Elementary School District	X	Karen Adelman
Soquel Union Elementary School District	2	Unoccupied Seats

Members at Large: Sheryl Haageman, Terry McKinney, ABSENT  
Tracy Marquart

Audience: Patricia Ward, Stephanie Dale, Peter McClean, Susie Christensen, Gerri Fippin,  
Stacy O'Farrel, and Lynette Seibel.

**3.0 Review and Approval of the September 16, 2010 Minutes**

Several corrections were made to the minutes. Karen Adelman and Terry McKinny did not attend the meeting as stated. Victoria George asked that a revision be made in regards to the Art Competition, to state that awards do in fact go to students with special needs. Ms. Cernac asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010.

Moved to approve the September 16, 2010 minutes. Motion: Weifert  
Second: George  
Vote: Unanimous

**4.0 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Ms. Cernac asked for a motion to adopt the Agenda.

Moved to adopt the Agenda.

Motion: Sibray  
 Second: George  
 Vote: Unanimous

## 5.0 Public Input (*for items not on the agenda – Three minutes per person*)

Ms. Cernac opened discussion for public input on items not on the agenda.

Ms. George asked that the archived agenda and minutes be put back on the SELPA website.

Susie Christensen, a parent representative, announced that a new preschool will be opening in Scotts Valley. She asked that the CAC representatives be prepared to represent the CAC at the new site.

Ms. Christensen stated that previous suggestions about the grand opening of the Chrysalis program were never addressed and feels that it is important for CAC to take a stand.

Wendy Sibray, parent and new CAC member, suggested that the room be set up differently. Ms Sibray stated that the Special Education Programs had a good start but has worsened over time.

Peter McClean, parent representative, suggested that the CAC take on one task that they can accomplish in its entirety. Award ceremonies would not be considered that valuable in comparison to many of the other suggestions brought to the CAC.

Jenna Hanecak announced that Maria Elena Dean, School Psychologist, will be speaking about “Understanding Autism” on December 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the SCCOE. The event will be free.

## 6.0 Reports

### 6.1 CAC Chair Report

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac apologized to those who did not receive their packets on time due to a staffing change in the SELPA office.

### 6.2 SELPA Report

Salli Price Welsh

Ms. Welsh was not present; however, Ms. Cernac read her report.

Ms. Welsh stated that the Governor vetoed the budget of \$133 million for County Mental Health Services. If the funding is not restored the Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell will release approximately \$76 million; however, it is unclear how those funds will be used. Lawsuits against the state have been issued by some SELPAs, The NSCC SELPA has decided to meet on a regular basis to discuss these issues further and will wait until the new regime takes over in January of 2011 to see what repercussions will take place.

FCMAT Task Force has met several times to develop guidelines to implement the recommendations of the FCMAT Study. Two additional meetings have been scheduled to determine the next steps. The outcome will be reported by Ms. Welsh at the next SECA meeting on December 9, 2010.

The SELPA website is currently under construction, if any mistakes are noted, please report them to the SELPA office.

### **6.3 SEC Liaison**

Kris Neustadter

Ms. Neustadter attended the November 1, 2010 AB 3632 meeting. According to Jack O'Connell's report, it is still unclear what the funding model will look like. Attendees were asked to be proactive about talking with their districts and local SELPAs in regards to what they are doing now with their pre-referral services. Michael Watkins requested that a meeting be held with the County Mental Health, school psychologists and behavior specialists from both SELPAs at a later date.

The AB3632 Collaborative Discussion was held on November 16, 2010. Although many of the requested representatives did attend, the County Mental Health representatives were not present. Salli Welsh and Ray Hausser led the meeting on pre-referral services and shared that there are only 112 cases in the entire county being serviced. Issues also arose on how parents should be supported and it was suggested that this may be a task the CAC could take on. Overall, all the districts are working extremely hard on this matter. A list of questions were generated and Ms. Welsh will take the questions to the next SECA meeting.

## **7.0 Discussion/Action Items**

### **7.1 Membership for 2010-2011**

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac reported that many CAC memberships are expiring in January. She passed around a list for those to reinstate, if interested.

Special Education Director Stacy O'Farrell introduced new parent member Karen Adelman.

Wendy Sibray represented the Bonny Doon School District as a new CAC representative.

Lynette Siebel announced that Santa Cruz City Schools has three openings.

Member Carmel Weifert, Member Kim Tuson and Chairperson Rebecca Cernac will not be reinstated. The group acknowledged Ms. Cernac's dedication and hard work and stated she will be missed.

### **7.2 FCMAT Report**

Victoria George

Ms. George reported that a FCMAT Task Force was put together by the SELPA to review the recommendations from the FCMAT report. The groups were broken up categorically into Governance, Finance and Program. Each recommendation was divided into sub groupings. Each sub group generated an actual plan and given a timeline, as well as, assigned an individual to implement the plan. Two meetings have taken place so far and have been very productive. There are two more meetings to follow. One recommendation from the FCMAT report that has not been addressed is that Superintendents should receive training.

**7.3 Bylaws Update** Rebecca Cernac  
 Carmel Weifert commented on the disappointment on the downfall of the Bylaw changes. Ms. Cernac asked that the item be put back on December's Agenda for review.

**7.4 Art Competition Update** Victoria George  
 Ms. George that the art received from the competition will be mounted on January 22, 2010 at Brook Knoll Elementary School in Wendy Harrison's classroom from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**7.5 General Attendance Committee Handout** Rebecca Cernac  
 Ms. Cernac passed out the new handout for review. The handout is available in electronic format. It was requested that the handout be available in Spanish. Ms. Cernac stressed the importance of the fliers and asks that the representatives encourage parent participation.

**7.6 Recognition of Special People Update** Rebecca Cernac  
 Ballots will be sent out January 2011 to districts for nominations.

**7.7 Emergency Response Protocol** Victoria George  
 Ms. George announced that there is not an emergency response protocol set up for the districts. As a parent, she is very concerned and found in the Education Code that this is the responsibility of the SELPA office. She suggests that the item be introduced at the next SECA meeting.

**8.0 Future Agenda Items**

1. Bylaws update
2. Emergency Response

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

Ms. Cernac adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**The next workshop will take place on January 13, 2010 at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 in the Board Room.**

The next regularly scheduled meetings and workshops are as listed:

February 10, 2011	Workshop – “Positive Behavior”
March 10, 2011	Business Meeting
April 14, 2011	Workshop – “Secrets of my Success Panel”
May 12, 2011	Business Meeting