

Advisory Committee Meeting
September 16, 2010
Santa Cruz County office of Education
400 Encinal Street,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Board Room
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Approved Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

Rebecca Cernac

Rebecca Cernac, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm with introductions of the new members of the Community Advisory Committee Meeting (CAC).

2.0 Roll Call

Rebecca Cernac

Delta Charter School	<u>X</u>	Kris Neustadter
Live Oak Elementary School District	<u>X</u>	Erica Sowder
Happy Valley Elementary School District	<u>X</u>	Terry McKinny
Mountain Elementary School District	<u>X</u>	Terry McKinny
Pacific Elementary School District		
Pacific Collegiate	<u>X</u>	Kris Neustadter
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District	<u>X</u>	Rebecca Cernac
Santa Cruz City School Districts		Victoria George
Santa Cruz County Office of Education	<u>X</u>	Amanda Owens
Scotts Valley Unified School District		
Soquel Union Elementary School District	<u>X</u>	Karen Aldeman

3.0 Review and Approval of the May 20, 2010 minutes

Review minutes. Ms. Cernac asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2010.

It is moved to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes.	Motion:	X
	Second:	X
	Vote:	Unanimous

4.0 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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

It is moved to adopt the Agenda.	Motion:	X
	Second:	X
	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. Susie Christensen, a parent, stated that there are issues at the Chrysalis center. Ms. Christensen stated that there is a COE classroom on the site with a preschool in one and elementary in another and the students share a teacher. Her concern was the age difference and that this was allowed. Salli Price Welsh, SELPA Administrator, stated that she observed the situation last week and the problem was addressed. After

discussion, Kris Neustadter of DELTA Charter suggested that this issue should be put on the Agenda for the November CAC meeting.

Peter McLean, a parent, stated that there are many problems with Early Start including supplying the Resource Center. He cited the example that nobody knows the hours that the Resource Center is open. He discussed that with all the changes parents are still not receiving information.

Mr. McLean stated that he attended the FCMAT report and based on that report, he noted the SELPA was lacking in a variety of ways. One example of this was that leadership is a problem. He shared that a task force was creating, and suggested parents participate.

6.0 Reports

6.1 SECA Report

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac reported the Special Education Coordinating Agency (SECA) was cancelled since there was not a quorum. She stated that she did attend the September 9, 2010 SECA meeting where there was a presentation on the FCMAT report by Bill Gillaspie.

6.2 SELPA Report

Salli Price Welsh

Ms. Welsh stated that although she did not attend the FCMAT presentation, she knew a task force was being created to monitor the FCMAT recommendations. As way of introduction to the CAC, Ms. Welsh gave some personal background information and discussed what the SELPA was working on.

Ms. Welsh attended the SELPA Directors meeting with the State SELPA to begin building relationships with the State SELPA. The focus of the SELPA is both financial and legislative.

Also, Ms. Welsh attended the SEACO Board of Directors where she is the legislative coordinator. She stated that although the SEACO and SELPA Directors do not usually make public their positions on particular legislation, both groups work behind the scenes with the authors of each bill they feel a need to address.

6.3 SEC Liaison

Kris Neustadter

Ms. Neustadler reported that there were a couple of meetings in August and in September. Thus far, the meetings have been about improving communication between the COE, Superintendent and CBOs.

There have been several conversations since April to get direction from the State on Autism credentialing. This issue is still pending. However, San Lorenzo Valley have decided to start the program with Project Impact, and noted there is still room for teachers. Project Impact will be held at the SLV Middle School. The SEC will provide that information to the districts. Ms. Neustadler stated that Project Impact is a COE program. SELPA is thinking that it will go the direction of CLAD.

7.0 Discussion/Action Items

7.1 Membership for 20010-2011

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac reported that CAC membership status is complete, but there are some openings and potential openings coming in January. There are two openings in Scotts Valley and possibly Santa Cruz City School District. She reminded the group that there were some members up for reinstating and each would need to decide if they would continue for another term on the Board.

Ms. Cernac stated that in order to stagger the membership, to remind Districts that although a term is a minimum of 2 years, members can be appointed for more. She will let SECA know about membership issues.

Terry McKinney, a member representing two small districts informed that Board that there have been two individuals appointed to represent the smalls. He stated that by the next business meeting both of them to be presented - one from Mountain and one from Bonny Doon.

7.2 Calendar

Salli Price Welsh

Ms. Cernac presented a requested change to the CAC calendar based on the availability of the SELPA administrator. After a brief discussion Ms. Cernac requested a motion to revise the calendar.

It is moved to revise the calendar.	Motion:	X
	Second:	X
	Vote:	Denied

Ms. Cernac proposed a change to the October 14th workshop since the presenter is out of town. The proposal was to move the workshop to October 21st.

It is moved to change calendar as presented.	Motion:	X
	Second:	X
	Vote:	Unanimous

7.3 FCMAT Report

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac reported on the SECA special meeting where Bill Gillaspie, Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) consultant made a presentation on the FCMAT report. She summarized the FCMAT report and the numerous recommendations and that it might take two years to implement.

Ms. Cernac mentioned that SECA was calling for the creation of a task force and that CAC would be part of the task force. She asked for volunteers who might be interested in being a part of the task force.

Ms. Welsh added that the process is underway in addressing the task force and the FCMAT report recommendations. She stated that looking at the recommendations everyone understands it from a

different perspective and it will be crucial to have parent input.

7.4 Bylaws Update

Salli Price Welsh

This was moved to the November meeting Agenda since the member who wanted to discuss this was not present.

7.5 Art Competition

Victoria George

Victoria George did not attend, but she did leave handouts on the Art Competition. She stated the theme is “Paint like Picasso.”

Ms. Christensen asked if it was sponsored by Balance for Kids, SELPA or the COE. Ms. Cernac answered that Balance provides the music and food while the COE provides the building.

Mr. McLean stated that Balance is listed on all the advertising making it appear that it is a Balance activity and not a CAC sponsored event. His concern is that most of the awards go to people who are being hired by Balance. Ms. Cernac stated that this was the case at the beginning because for years it was just Balance students who participated, but last year the awards came from around the district. She assured this will not be an issue as more participants are coming from outside of Balance.

7.6 Update General Attendance Committee

Carmel Weifert

Ms. Cernac asked for any ideas about increasing attendance at CAC meetings. Ms. Sowder suggested a way is to get parent/family emails to send out announcements to families in each district. She stated that in the past there was a place on the IEP document for the parents to put their email, however districts now use SEIS. Also, it was suggested that CAC become part of individual school newsletters or email lists.

7.7 Recognition of Special People Update

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac stated that CAC would continue to sponsor the Recognition of Special People Event with an April target date.

7.8 Workshops

Rebecca Cernac

Ms. Cernac reviewed the workshop calendar. There is a workshop scheduled for February 10, 2010 titled “Positive Behavior” and Ms. Sowder is conducting the “Secret to my Success” workshop April 16, 2011.

8.0 Announcements

None.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bylaws update2. Ms. Christensen reiterated the need to discuss quality assurance. She stated that it would be good to have an explanation to how the issue was permitted to happen. Ms. Cernac volunteered to find out and will add |
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this to the agenda in November. She stated that it is important enough to make it an agenda item to discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Ms. Cernac adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

The next workshop will take place on October 21, 2010 at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 in the

The next regularly scheduled meetings and workshops are as listed:

October 14, 2010 October 21 – get to Vicki	Workshop – “Assistive Technology Panel”
November 18, 2010	Business Meeting
December 9, 2010	Business Meeting
January 13, 2011	Business Meeting
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