

WHITTIER AREA COOPERATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Community Advisory Committee
10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2023
8036 Ocean View Avenue
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MINUTES

A. Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

B. Approval of Agenda for November 9, 2023

Moved: Gloria Ruiz
Seconded: Cheryl Goodman
Vote: 4-0

C. Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2023

Moved: Gloria Ruiz
Seconded: Glenn Edwards
Vote: 4-0

D. Public Input

There were no public comments.

E. Budget Review

- a. Due to rising costs, the 2023-2024 CAC budget has been increased to \$5,500.

Ms. Janet Queneau shared information regarding the increase in budget which was due mostly to the increased cost for interpreters.

- b. Approved expenses thus far for 2023-2024 school year at the maximum amount and actual totals, if available.
 - i. Not to exceed \$800 for interpretation and translation services for CAC sponsored 2023-2024 parent events. Actual cost pending.
 - ii. Not to exceed \$500 for materials/supplies, snacks, and beverages for up to three CAC sponsored parent training held October through December. Actual cost \$20.83.
 - iii. Not to exceed \$481.80 to provide breakfast, lunch, materials, and supplies for the August 9, 2023 DHH Connections: Summer Social and Parent Training. Actual cost \$481.80.

F. Discussion Items

- a. Parent Training
 - i. October 6, 2023 Debrief
 - ii. Upcoming Training - December 6, 2023 (Virtual)

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that WACSEP had its first morning, in-person parent training, "Understanding the IEP Process"; there were 23 parents in attendance and there were great questions asked. The same training will be offered multiple times this year, at different times and both in person and virtually. The next parent training will be on the same topic but virtually on December 6, 2023.

- b. Disability Resource and Transition Fair - March 5, 2024
 - i. Food for attendees/vendors
 - ii. Gifts for vendors/presenters
 - iii. Raffle prizes - Businesses
 - iv. Whittier Union High School District Adult Transition Program - possible proposal
 - v. Presentations

Ms. Janet Queneau shared information on the Disability Resource and Transition Fair. The fair will be held at Pioneer High School from 4 to 9 PM. A save the date flier will be going out to parents with more information. CAC will continue to use El Unico Hamburgers as the food vendor for families during the event. There was discussion about food for the vendors and possible options as well as small Thank You gifts for presenters and vendors.

CAC would love to support the Whittier Union High School District Transition Program micro business and purchase candy items for the vendor gifts. Ms. Janet Queneau asked if anyone knew of any businesses willing to donate raffle prizes to please let her know. Ms. Hilda Lopez offered to donate a basket for one of the raffle prizes.

The planning team is in the process of adding more vendors that are inclusive and kid-friendly. Additionally, there was a conversation about the Transition Program putting together a proposal to sell items at the fair; historically items have not been sold at the fair but it could be considered.

Lastly, due to the rising cost of interpreters she proposed there be 2 strands, 4 sessions of workshops offered at the fair. The topics would include special needs trusts, behavior team strategies in the home, transitions and a parent panel.

- c. Tentative dates for future Disability Resource and Transition Fair
 - i. October 22, 2024
 - ii. Time and Location

CAC discussed moving the Disability Resource and Transition Fair to October so we are not competing with other local community fairs. Ms. Janet Queneau looked into other venues; the school sites were not viable options in the morning due to school being in session and others were venues were expensive to rent. We have tentative October dates submitted to Pioneer High School and should receive confirmation in the spring.

- d. Legislative Sharing Day
 - i. May 1, 2024

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that the SELPA Association of California, all 130 SELPAs, put together the Legislative sharing Day in Sacramento. This event provides breakfast, presentations, and an opportunity to network with other parents. Once the event concludes, the idea is that parents speak with their legislators about special education. There will be more information on the bills we look to support in January. The CAC discussed who would attend. Historically, 2 CAC parent representatives go along with the SELPA Director. The final details will be finalized in January.

G. Action Items

- a. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$3,150 for interpretation and translation services for CAC 2023-2024 sponsored events; previously approved at \$800.

Moved: GLoria Ruiz
Seconded: Cheryl Goodman
Vote: 4-0

- b. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$1,172.00 for a food vendor at the Disability Resource and Transition Fair.

Moved: Cheryl Goodman
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 4-0

- c. It is recommended that the CAC Board approve, not to exceed, \$407.92 for one projector to use for CAC events.

Moved: Hilda Lopez
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 4-0

H. Director's Comments

a. Legislative Update

Ms. Janet Queneau gave the CAC board a legislative update. The Governor vetoed AB 1517, which defined the role of the SELPA in the LCAP and differentiated assistance. While there was no opposition from the Senate, the Governor felt it was unnecessary. SB 354 is an inclusion bill which looked at new regulation and guidance around inclusion SB 354 was also vetoed, however, there is commitment to continue working on it from the author of the bill. AB 248, a bill to remove obsolete terminology (i.e., "retardation", "mental retardation", etc.) out of Education Code, was approved. There was also a bill (AB 447) that passed for UC and CSU universities to pilot inclusive college programs..

b. Other items

Ms. Janet Queneau shared that this week was School Psychologist Awareness week. She thanked the 13 WACSEP school psychologists for all their work. There were school psychologist-related posts on the WACSEP Instagram for the public.

Ms. Janet Queneau reported that WACSEP would be reviewing the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan. The Local Plan would be reviewed by a committee composed of parents, administrators, and teachers. Traditionally the CAC Chair and Vice Chair are on the SELPA Local Plan committee; she invited the other CAC parent representatives to participate, if interested. Since the plan is fairly new not many changes are anticipated. The meetings will start in February.

I. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Moved: Cheryl Goodman
Seconded: Gloria Ruiz
Vote: 4-0