

SCUSD CAC
General Meeting
May 24, 2022

Meeting Notes

Recording Information

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Item 1. Welcome

- Geo Linares held a moment of silence for today's mass shooting at a Texas elementary school.
- Kenya Martinez facilitated introduction of SCUSD staff and CAC officers.
- Kenya noted that next year we will likely be back in person for our meetings and asked Geo to update us on this.

Item 2. Public Comment

- Rachel Nickel: First time attendee. Parent of student with IEP. Comment relates to accommodation for hearing child's loss. Historically difficult time getting timely placement of his FM hearing device each year. Audiologist could not guarantee installation of sound system on first day of instruction – too many students with this need and cannot get into classroom before school start date. Solved our dilemma as RSP teacher offered to install the system, but this is yet another burden on the SpEd support team.
- Magdeline Zogopoulos: My child had an IEP. I am now on Best Buddies advisory board for Sacramento. Please check out our organization. My daughter was in the program and gained a lot from it. Inclusion. Everyone needs a friend, and great to have one on campus. We want to start chapters here in SCUSD. Contact me: magzog1@sbcglobal.net, melissacagney@bestbuddies.org
 - Geo said that the District has looked into Best Buddies and is actually looking for schools to pilot next year.
- Valene Byrd: Substitute in the District, but also have son at Washington Elementary. Plan on being an active participant. Finding that the SpEd placement is noticeably flawed. Department bases everything on IEP goals, but these goals sometimes do not fit medical and social-emotional needs. My son is in a moderate to severe class but he is not moderate to severe. This class can be rough. There should be three different types of classes: mild with gen. ed goals; moderate (pathway to mild); and push-in to gen. ed.
 - Benita noted this topic of placement could be a future CAC meeting topic.
- Jason Burke: Behavioral specialist for District for close to two decades. Several months ago entire behavioral department was cut. Still have not heard back from HR on where

we will be or how our kids' needs will be met next year. Still no update on MTSS. Want to make sure that the CAC keeps up on the MTSS model next year.

Item 3. SELPA Report

- Geo presented a slide deck discussing Legislative Day 2022 Review; SELPA Local Plan Update; Significant Disproportionality; and Extended School Year (ESY) Update.
- Rita Hay: How do we get to SCUSD website to Padlet about SELPA Local Plan?
 - Geo: [SCUSD.edu/selpa](https://www.scusd.edu/selpa). Under "SELPA Local Plan" there is a link to the Padlet.
- Kenya: re: disproportionality. Who will be on the team to address this? Will that include teachers, administrators, parents (particularly black parents of students with disabilities)?
 - Geo: Parents will be a part of the process as well as teachers and administrators and support staff. Currently 17 people a part of the team. We recognize the need to involve more families and community members.
 - Kenya: Historically the District includes the same parents over and over again. The District should include black parents from different socioeconomic backgrounds, most likely to have students who would be suspended (underprivileged homes). These parents are not necessarily the group the District often calls upon to assist. Include these other parents.
- Danny Rolleri: I was with Ray Lozana, who leads safe schools office, recently. Hearing the presentation Geo did and knowing about Ray's efforts – every year, when you connect incidents from Buffalo for example you see a tragic level of anti-blackness in our system. We should call it out as it is. Results that lead to suffering in black communities.
- Valene: Do we have ESY locations yet?
 - Dr. Hedegard: James Marshall Elementary 9:00am - 1:00pm
 - Caroline Wenzel Elementary 8:00am - 12:00pm
 - Will C. Wood Middle School 8:00am - 12:00pm
 - Luther Burbank High School 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Benita Shaw: I am on multiple committees. I was part of original African American task force. Met with bully prevention specialists for years. Even went to this school district as a child myself. What Geo presented is phenomenal. But it's a stereotype. Hard to address for people who do not want your child in a classroom. Hard to fight for education for your child when they are judged by their skin color, size, etc. All kids deserve an education. Keep it transparent and real.

Item 4. Union Updates

- David Fisher: As all of you probably know, District unilaterally decided not to extend this school year. We thought we were close to an agreement. You've probably also heard that the District plans to apply for a waiver for the fine for missing instruction. CDE told us that these types of closures (strikes) do not qualify for waivers and make-up time must be in the same school year. We hope it works out, but highly unlikely.
- Rita Hay: What was the hold up for no agreement?

- David: We tried to get this going on April 4th. First meeting April 8th. Took 12 days for another meeting. May 4th last meeting of substance, included CalSTRS. After that, District added some issues causing complication. May 16th last meeting. Then unilateral decision by District. To SCTA, the outstanding issues did not seem insurmountable.

Item 5. Officer Elections

- Benita introduced nomination procedure.
- Benita asked Jason if he would accept his nomination from the previous meeting. He declined due to not knowing his teaching assignment next year and ability to fully commit to CAC.
- Confirmed nominations:
 - Chair: Renee Webster-Hawkins
 - Vice-Chair: Lianne Moseley
 - Secretary: Geo Linares
 - Treasurer:
 - Parliamentarian: Rita Hay
 - Member-at-Large: Colleen Toler
- Valene Byrd noted that if a position remains open, she will self nominate and be voted on next year. Prefer treasurer.
- Geo asked if he could be an officer. Kenya noted that he could not be chair or vice chair but no other specific exclusion. Dennis noted that the CAC advises the SELPA so it may be inappropriate for SELPA staff to be an officer.
 - Renee: Other SELPAs have SELPA or Special Education as CAC officers.
 - Benita: If the District staff have a child with a disability, then that may be allowable even for chair or vice chair.
 - Taylor: I would not be opposed to having staff as Secretary, which is a laborious position.
- Taylor Kayatta certified the candidate list.
- Results: All nominated people were duly elected by the CAC membership.
 - Chair: Renee Webster-Hawkins
 - Vice-Chair: Lianne Moseley
 - Secretary: Geo Linares
 - Treasurer:
 - Parliamentarian: Rita Hay
 - Member-at-Large: Colleen Toler
- Available for voting at the next meeting: treasurer, second member-at-large.

Post-meeting comments

- Danny Rolleri: Regarding SCTA comments tonight. I am a parent and a district employee. Families are stuck in the middle of two sides with rhetoric. Very difficult to weed through this. As a parent I took offense to some comments from SCTA mentioned here, specifically “poison pills” mentioned tonight. That does not help parents navigate

between the District and SCTA statements. For future reference, that should be better shared or presented. I am a site administrator (principal) so I may be a little shaded on my comment, but I did not enjoy that language.

- Lianne: I am a SCTA member but I agree with Danny. We do our best to stay objective and we need fair and balanced language.
- Taylor: We asked for union updates to be limited to SpEd issues. Not a platform for politics.
- Rita Hay: Location of meetings next year? Back to Serna?
 - General discussion: Likely yes, but we should continue virtual options.
 - Renee: As chair, I will strive for keeping these meetings available in as broad a possible way, with maximum participation.
- Dennis: Clarification for election. Per bylaws, staff and administrators can be members of CAC. But the bylaws also mention SELPA director as ex-officio non-voting member. So, he could not vote but he could advise. To Geo: any possibility of any advice in conflict with CAC decisions? We should discuss this more fully at the next meeting.
 - Dr. Hedegard: Are you saying Geo should act as Secretary but still be advisory?
 - Dennis: Yes. But want to avoid slippage of Geo favoring position contradictory to other CAC members.
 - Group: add this topic as an agenda item for our next meeting (so agenda will be this, election for remaining positions, and transition of officers)