

SCUSD Community Advisory Committee
4/20/2021 General Meeting: Notes

Public Comment

- David Fisher: SCTA met with District regarding MTSS and will be meeting again soon. SCTA is hosting a student assessment forum (general ed assessments) on April 28th at 6pm with national experts. Also, happy that SEIU and the District came to an agreement on safety standards.
- Sarah Williams Kingsley: On Thursday, the District will be presenting on special ed assessments that includes a letter from CDE that confirms the District continues to be out of compliance with requirements. This is shocking. The CDE letter notes that the District may be referred to the federal Department of Education and possibly the Department of Justice for not following IDEA and, among other things, may lose special education funding. This disfunction is horrifying for both special education parents as well as the general community.
- Kenya Martinez: Coalition for Students with Disabilities has made yet another Public Records Act request for business done by the CAC. This is insulting. This harms our students. They have asked for PRA requests when black women were in power (Kenya, now Benita). If they wanted information, they could and should have asked the CAC Secretary or Parliamentarian. These actions are sabotaging the work of the CAC.
- Angie Sutherland: Comment on PRA request. Was a request for minutes and Zoom recordings because the District has not been posting those. This had nothing to do with CAC leadership, just about wanting information.
- Alison Tubo: If the information requested in the mentioned PRA has not been provided, please provide it.

Presentation from Sue Sawyer of the California Transition Alliance.

District & SELPA Update

- SCUSD has a new, permanent Administrator of Teaching & Learning effective April, 2021.
- On April 12, 2021, the District and SCTA reached a new agreement for Special Education Assessments. All SCTA members shall now participate, in person assessments are possible if they cannot be conducted virtually, and assessors are eligible to conduct them outside of normal work hours.
- SCUSD is out of compliance for assessments because it is failing to meet the requirements of state law and federal regulations. Updates will be presented at the Thursday Board Meeting.
- Beginning July 1, 2020, all SELPAs are required to submit a local plan using CDE-approved templates pursuant to EC 56122.
- SCUSD SELPA Local Plan padlet, which shows all portions of the plan and will show updates to the plan posted periodically as it is being developed, is available at: <https://padlet.com/geovannilinares/m4h38xn4w8luizy>
- April 23, 2021: survey to staff (general education, special education) for SELPA local plan involvement – soliciting volunteers to participate in its development
- May 2, 2021: CAC Executive Meeting: Formation of a SELPA Local Plan subcommittee. The CAC subcommittee will be part of a larger subcommittee that includes District staff.
- May – SELPA local plan subcommittee meetings
- May 18, 2021: CAC general meeting update and review. The CAC has 30 days to review the local plan pursuant to EC.
- June 17, 2021 Board of Education meeting: public hearing on local plan

- June 30, 2021: local plan due to CDE
- SELPA website to be updated to differentiate between SELPA and SCUSD Special Education Department; to be a centralized location for information regarding the local plan, CAC, and compliance information; and will be a resource hub for parent rights, community resources, and professional learning
- Upcoming CAC presentations on May 18 – Universal Design for Learning

District & SELPA Questions

- Sarah Williams Kingsley: MOU with SCUSD has no allowance for the District to engage outside contractors to complete the work. Why? This was part of the earlier MOU. A: No answer available at this time.
- Sarah Williams Kingsley: How many overdue assessments are still to be completed? A: Board to receive updates at the Thursday meeting.
- Sarah Williams Kingsley: How will you complete overdue assessments with only 58 days left of school? A: No answer available at this time.
- Sarah Williams Kingsley: If you push SELPA webpage off of the main District website, it separates special education students which implies an otherness. Will the information still be searchable from the main site? A: Will be directly linked to main site and not disassociated from main site, but where the site is hosted is still under discussion.
- Kenya Martinez: If your assessment is late, you have the right to file a complaint with CDE.
- Dennis Mah: The CAC should have been given the opportunity to provide feedback on the special assessment backlog plans. This was not offered to us.
- Kristen Jordan: Question – Does the fact that CAC meetings are so close to board meetings limit the District’s ability to provide us updates, for example on items that are already agendaized for a board meeting? A: Other CAC’s tend to be the week after the board meeting to allow discussion on topics brought up there. However, not sure if that impacts ability to share information before the board meeting.
- Benita Shaw: It is frustrating that you cannot answer our questions. A: We will take the feedback and look into how to better accommodate these issues.
- Taylor Kayatta: Frustrating that the CAC has not been offered the opportunity to engage in back and forth dialogue regarding our concerns, notably assessments.
- Lisa Murawski: CAC Board and Staff should coordinate on protocols regarding what questions the District should address, how data should be requested and provided, etc. I will help facilitate that if it is of interest.
- Kenya Martinez: The CAC, notably the budget subcommittee, has asked for specific data for more than a year. We have been more than reasonable in waiting for answers to our specific questions. Pacifying us with a presentation is not enough. It is respectful for us volunteers to give us the answers to our questions for the community that we serve.
- Benita Shaw: When we hold these meetings has never in the past been an issue in terms of getting information and should not be going forward. We can discuss this at the next Executive meeting or something, but we need to figure this out.
- Angie Sutherland: Our children have not been served for over a year but the District does not seem to have an urgency about this.