

WEST ORANGE COUNTY CONSORTIUM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

COMMUNITY ADVISORY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 10, 2016**

Attendees: Dulce Sanchez/HBC; Jennifer Weimer/FVSD; Jonathan Ellis/HBC; Amy Motsinger/HBC; Reagan Lopez/WSD; Linda Stame/HBC; Ingrid Jaimes/HBC; Gina Connors/OVSD; Linda Forsythe/OVSD; Diane Hall/WSD; Jennifer Wheeler/WSD; Krystle Bevins/HBC; Olivia Ortega/WSD; Loraine Dressler/HBC; Doug Siembieda/HBUHSD; Amy Tompkins/HBC; Dave Yencso/HBUHSD; Cathy Cornwall/HBC; DeeDee Hangartner/OVSD; Treva Gaffney/OVSD

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. Chairperson welcomed all attendees and introduced herself. Everyone introduced themselves.

Roll Call: of voting members; 7 present and 7 other parents volunteered. Term “voting member” was defined. Parents do not need to be a voting member to attend CAC and be active members. Voting members were approved unanimously.

Minutes from February 10, 2016 Minutes of February 10, 2016 need to reflect that Treva Gaffney, Chairperson was in attendance at meeting. Minutes approved unanimously with correction.

Nominations, Vice Chairperson: Treva Gaffney informed voting members that she had met w/Diane Hangartner earlier to discuss position and Diane indicated she was interested in the position. Treva asked if anyone else was interested. Nobody present indicated an interest in the position. A motion was made and seconded to approve Diane Hangartner as the CAC Vice-Chairperson. The vote was unanimous in favor of Diane.

Chair Report: Treva reported that several parents met in previous days to discuss committees. She will share the results of those meetings during the Community Chair Appointments Report.

District Directors’ Report: WSD is installing solar panels. District will host a Saturday Academy on 3/12/16. District has entered a partnership w/Chapman – The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders. There will be trainings offered to parents & specialists. Eventually, District hopes to offer a summer institute to provide training for general ed teachers. HBC described Learning Center model that was started this year in the District. Centers are on all elementary campuses; staffed w/2 teachers. Replaces traditional RSP & mild/mod SDC programs. Students returned to home campuses. District has purchased new intervention curriculum for reading. Being used in L.C. w/both General Ed/Special Ed. Moving toward ABA embedded classrooms. HBUHSD: 8th grade parent night recently held. Well attended. Discussed process for registration as well as available support for 9th graders. Transition IEPs under way for incoming 9th graders. High school staff visiting middle school campuses and looking @ class offerings for 2016-17 school year. H.S. study skills class has been revamped – now focuses on skill development in executive skills, organization, time management, note taking, etc. rather than being used as a place to do homework. High school teams attended the Special Olympics in Rancho Santa Margarita – organized by Amy Shima. HBHS volleyball team set a national record w/114th consecutive win. OVSD: Oak View celebrated its grand re-opening. Lake View slated to re-open in August. Reorganization of special ed department is under way. Position of Executive Director posted. Kathy Dryden is the “Above and Beyond” award recipient.

Committee Chair Report: Treva reported on recent parent meetings to discuss formation of two committees focusing on two committees that were identified as being of most interest thru parent survey – Outreach/Marketing and Parent Training. Group also talked about adding a committee to look at STAR Awards for teachers in the 2016-17 school year.

Outreach/Marketing: Committee would like to create website which they control, and would be linked to the WOCCSE website. Content would be reviewed/approved by WOCCSE prior to posting. Looking @ different ways of outreach, such as robocalls, text messaging, brochures, FB page etc. Discussion re: preferred way (of parents) to receive info. Discussion re: all parents should receive notices of meetings; not just CAC/Special Ed parents. Discussed visiting other CAC groups such as Newport-Mesa.

Committee Members: A motion made, seconded and approved unanimously the following committee members: Gina Connors, Chairperson; Ann Kilker; Dave Yencso; Diane Hangartner.; Treva Gaffney; Jennifer Weimer; Krystal Bevins; Jennifer Wheeler.

Parent Training: Committee will be exploring various topics including: social skills/behaviors, safety, Living Trusts for families w/children with special needs and a Resource Fair. Need to identify training sites as well as look into child care and hospitality.

Committee Members: A motion made, seconded and approved unanimously the following committee members: Joey Ibarra, Co-Chairperson; Loraine Dressler Co-Chairperson; Linda Stame; Ann Kilker; Gina Connors; Krystle Bevins; Jennifer Wheeler; Diane Hangartner; Diane Hall; Treva Gaffney; Amy Tompkins.

Oral Communication from the Audience to the CAC Business Council

Dave Y. asked who the IT person was that uploaded info to WOCCSE website. He wanted to request additional info be uploaded. He was advised that Lindy Leech-Painter is the contact.

Miscellaneous Info: March 16 slate of officers will be presented to the Superintendents. All voting members invited to upcoming meeting when names will be submitted to the board.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** in the Huntington Beach Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by:

Donna Odell, CAC Secretary