

CUSD COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Our goal is to raise community awareness about the needs of students and their families regarding Special Education Programs; to actively review the Local Plan for Special Education; and to provide a forum that facilitates parent communication with other parents and with the school district. The CAC shall provide information, training, and resources to help ensure that quality programs educate the student with special needs in mind, body, and spirit.

Executive Committee:	Chairperson:	Julie Lutton	-Parent
	Vice Chair:	Chelsea Aguire	-Parent
	Treasurer:	Kelsie Igasan	-Parent
	Secretary:	Ronda Schmidt	-CUSD Program Specialist
	FRC Rep:	Leann Gajarian Keeler	-CUSD Family Resource Center
	SELPA Rep:	Theresa Pafford	-Administrator, SELPA & Legal Compliance

Date: August 30, 2023

Time: 12 – 1 p.m.

Location: Professional Development Building
1680 David E. Cook Way
Clovis, CA 93611

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions – Julie Lutton, CAC Chairperson
 - Ms. Lutton welcomed everyone to the CAC meeting and provided an explanation regarding the purpose of the Community Advisory Committee and resources available to parents.
- SELPA Updates – Theresa Pafford, Administrator, SELPA & Legal Compliance
 - Mrs. Pafford introduced the CAC Executive committee and welcomed everyone.
 - School Site support and donations were recognized.
 - Mrs. Pafford shared that she and Mrs. Carter, CUSD Administrator Special Education, have visited nearly every school site and Special Education program since the start of the new school year.
 - She provided an update regarding hiring. During 22/23 SY, there was a shortage of Instructional Assistants, not only in our district, but across the state. A Job Fair for IA's was held, resulting in many of those positions being filled now. Information was made available to share with those who may be interested in applying.
 - Training for new teachers and Instructional Assistants was reviewed.
 - New Teacher Bootcamp
 - Instructional Assistant training
 - BICC – Behavioral Training
 - District Special Education Art Show will be held in October here at the PDB.

- CAC By-laws updates
 - Mrs. Pafford reviewed the need to update the CAC By-laws.
 - Copies of previous and proposed By-Laws were provided for comparisons. Previous By-laws were approved in 2015.
 - Voting members will have time to review before they are sent to the Board for approval. (A list of voting members was made available for review).
 - Mrs. Pafford reviewed the changes and updates made.

- Program Specialist Meet & Greet
 - This will be held this Friday. 9/1/2023
 - This is a time to meet the Program Specialists in the District.
 - Open House style event.

- Overview of CUSD Special Education Programs
 - Mrs. Pafford explained the information regarding Clovis Unified School District SELPA. Mrs. Pafford shared that this will be posted to the CAC website after the meeting.
 - A slide-show was presented, with Program Specialists explaining the various programs and supports provided within the District.
 - A PDF version will be available online by the end of the week.

- Family Resource Center updates– Leann Gajarian Keeler, FRC
 - Mrs. Gajarian Keeler reviewed the support provided to families and staff by the Family Resource Center.
 - Family Resource Center services are available to families of students from birth to 22.
 - She reviewed that a draft copy of the updated By-Laws will be sent out to voting members electronically.
 - Event flyers provided were reviewed
 - Mrs. Gajarian Keeler shared that the Family Resource Center is part of a network throughout the state and explained the requirements to be a representative of the Family Resource Center.
 - Parent Café – opportunity for parents to come together in an informal setting allowing parents to connect. First one this year will be virtual.
 - She reminded attendees that CUSD Special Education Website has information and resources for parents.
 - Attendees were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Meeting concluded at 12:56 PM.

Next Meeting: November 15, 2023