

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
MINUTES

May 19th, 2020

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Melissa Horne at 6:15p

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Horne, Heather Taylor, Tina Cooper, Alexis Brache, Wendy Quinn, Lacy Bauer, and Kimber Rice

MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine McGough, Julia Nattkemper, Lana Wong, Ruth Rowlette, Athena Damore, Veronica Encias, and Pat Friesen

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: None.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: Melissa Horne welcomed everyone and asked that each person introduce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendy Quinn shared her concerns about CAC's lack of involvement in both the cancellation of "You Light the Way" and the recent staff changes in the Special Education Department. Specifically, Wendy inquired if there was another restructuring of the special education department and what would become of the assistant director position at Ralph Richardson Center. Melissa asked if there was a new date for "You Light the Way" yet. Megan Hudson replied that we are waiting for guidance based on current social distancing practices. Wendy offered to send Adara pictures of the honorees to add to the slideshow that is to be played during the ceremony.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Dionyse Johnston outlined the staff changes in the Special Education Department:

- Dionyse Johnston, interim director, is retiring at the end of the school year; Vanessa Adolphson is stepping in on June 1st
- Aaron Storey has accepted a Director's position at Folsom-Cordova and will be leaving at the end of June; Stacy Ahrens will serve as the interim Assistant Director
- Joann Day will serve as the interim Assistant Director/Program Administrator behind Dionyse Johnston at Ralph Richardson Center
- Jennifer Nelson, an external candidate, has accepted the position of Program Specialist behind Joann Day.
- Konstantina Caster, an internal applicant, has accepted the position as Program Specialist behind Stacy Ahrens.

Dee also shared that the district is in a hiring freeze and will most likely experience a budget shortfall next year in large part due to COVID-19. Next year's budget and the local plan will be

discussed at the next CAC meeting scheduled for June 2nd, 2020. The Public Notice of Hearing is posted on the district website and all relevant documents were made available for the public to view.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

UPDATES FROM COMMITTEES: No updates

NEW BUSINESS: Melissa confirmed with Dee that an additional CAC meeting will be taking place on June 2nd and asked that we also discuss next year's CAC Topics in addition to the budget and local plan mentioned in Dee's Director's Report.

CONSENT/ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February's minutes are missing for now. Melissa stated that she is in contact with Adara Gunn to get those posted before the next meeting. Lacy Bauer moved to approve the March meeting's minutes and Kimber Rice seconded the motion.

REVIEW CAC BOARD DESCRIPTIONS: Melissa read the CAC Board Descriptions from Article 8 of the CAC Bylaws for all participants.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Melissa Horne nominated Kimber Rice for Secretary and asked Tina what she would like to be nominated for after hearing the descriptions. Tina would like to be nominated for Co-Chairperson and then nominated Heather Taylor for Chairperson. After reviewing which members were present, Melissa found that not enough members were present to vote on the nominations. She then moved that this be tabled until the June 2nd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Adara Gunn