

CAC Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2009
Robert L. Trigg Center

CAC Chair, Kate Chilcote called the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Introductions were made and there were 13 total attendees present: Three CAC Executive Board members, 4 EGUSD Special Education staff members, and 6 parents.

Public Comment

Kate gave information about a new agenda item called “*CAC Public Comment.*” The public will now have an opportunity to discuss comments or concerns with the CAC. We only ask that the comments be kept to global systemic issues and a time limit of 3 minutes. If someone has a personal issue and would like to discuss the problem, please contact a CAC Officer to schedule a confidential conference.

The CAC now has a Public Comment form for anyone that would like to submit a comment or concern to the CAC. The form will be included as an insert in the 2009-2010 CAC Brochure.

Director’s Report

Bill Tollestrup was not at the meeting and a Director’s Report was not given.

Ongoing Topics:

- Policies and Procedures update
- CAC Budget

CAC Chair Report

The CAC now has a budget given to us by the Federal Stimulus funds. The funds can roll over from the 2009-2010 year but must be spent by September 2011.

2009-2010: \$10,000

2010-2011: \$10,000

The CAC Executive Board has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Ladd, EGUSD Superintendent on September 17, 2009.

The district now has a new school board member. The CAC is in the process of scheduling a meeting with him to present him with CAC information.

The CAC has a new website. Please visit us at www.egcac.org.

The CAC is developing a 2009-2010 Brochure.

The CAC is in the process of ordering flyer distribution boxes for the CAC Brochure at each school site and community businesses.

The 2009-2010 CAC Bylaws were reviewed. Nancy Gerreste made a motion to approve the bylaws and Marilyn Delgato seconded the motion.

The 2009-2010 Professional Development Overview, New IEP Terminology, and Special Education Job Title Changes will be discussed at the October 2009 CAC Meeting.

A CAC Subcommittee sign up sheet was handed out.

Brooke Warren, EGUSD Program Specialist shared information about the Eagle Academy located at Sierra Enterprise and is featured in the September 2009 Special Education Newsletter. The program has 3 moderate to severe classrooms for children with autism and has a proactive approach to meet the behavior needs of the students. It has teachers that are ABA trained and a speech therapist, OT, and AdPE on site. There is a low teacher:student ratio. So far, the district has brought back 6 children from NPS to attend this program.

The district also has an Intensive ED program at Pleasant Grove High School and Doug Phillips is the Program Specialist.

A parent asked if the programs were only available to students in the attendance area. Kevin said that they are district programs and all students could have access to them. But, first priority is given to the home school to meet the student's needs.

Colleen Wizcar, EGUSD Transition Specialist shared information about transition services. Transition was on the chopping block due to budget cuts but was reinstated in May 2009. There are 8 Transition Specialists covering 9 regions. EGUSD begins transition services when a student turns 14 years of age. Usually 9th grade students should have transition services 3 times per year for 45 minutes and 10th grade students should have transition services 4 times per year for 45 minutes included in their IEP. Students with an IEP can get paid work experience at age 16 through the workability program. Job training wage this year is \$7.25. Colleen suggested that parents call their high school to find out who the transition specialist is.

A parent asked who does the budget cuts? The school board.

Another parent asked for examples of transition services. "Exposing the students to learning styles inventories, career explorations, and 2 websites for career information."

Upcoming Transition Services events are:

- October 3-4 Harvest Festival
- November 18 College & Career Night @ 6:00 pm
- Field Exploration Tours
- ROP

Kevin Schaeffer, EGUSD Program Specialist shared that the Policy & Procedures binders are located at each school site. Kevin also shared the Special Education Newsletters.

The issue of parent and community involvement in the CAC was discussed. Concerns were made because in a district as big as EGUSD with approximately 6,000 students in special education the CAC does not have many parents or community members attending. The CAC

Executive Board shared its concerns and frustrations as well. It was suggested that the CAC utilize more publicity avenues including:

- An “All” call to students in special education
- A CAC Corner on the Special Education Newsletter
- A CAC representative at each school site on the PTA or School Site Council

It was agreed upon that childcare is an issue for many parents. Deborah Goldsmith, Folsom CAC Chair said their CAC offers free childcare. The EGUSD CAC will look into having childcare available. It was suggested that the CAC meetings may need to be held at a school site due to liability issues.

Kevin Schaeffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm and Diana Barnes seconded the motion.

Next Meeting will be on October 13, 2009, “*Special Education Placement Options*,” at the Pleasant Grove High School Community Room (9531 Bond Road, Elk Grove)

Recorded by Jennifer Fulton, CAC Secretary

**CAC Meeting Attendees
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Brooke Warren	Kevin Schaefer	Yvonne Szeto	Laura West
Kate Chilcote	Jill Alexander	Gloria Reese	Diana Barnes
Stacy Curto	Keely Groves	Deborah Goldsmith	Nancy Gerrese
Colleen Wiwczar			