



Community Advisory Committee for Special Education  
Irvine Unified School District - SELPA  
Chair: Esther Morales - ViceChair: Monica Mesa - Secretary: Sally Kim  
Attendees: see Sign In Sheet

MINUTES for Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 9:30am at Creekside Ed Ctr 3387 Barranca Pkwy - Rm 5

The meeting was called to order at 9:37am by the committee chair, Esther Morales. She welcomed everyone to the CAC General Meeting. Monica M. moved to adopt the [September 15, 2022 CAC General Meeting agenda](#) as presented, motion seconded, motion passed.

Trustee Area 3 Board Member Cyril Yu, thanked everyone for their attendance and noted that he is always available to listen to parents.

Executive Director for Special Education / SELPA Administrator, Melanie Hertig shared about staff development and the planning professional learning trainings that both teachers and site admins are focusing on; inclusive practices in the classroom, gave a legislative update on bill [SB 1113](#) - Inclusive classroom and staff credentials is waiting to be signed by the governor, talked the changes in some of the special ed language; SAI/RSP//STC will now be called Learning Centers and Mod/Sev will now be called Extensive Support Program, presented the updated [State SELPA CAC Parent Handbook](#) and gave an update on transportation issues; lack of available hires, staff is working to connect with parents to resolve issues. Director of Operations & Alternative Dispute Resolution, Jennifer O'Malley introduced 2 newly hired Special Ed TOSAs, Elise Green and Megan Levalley, who will be working on some new projects and shared that the department is working closely with each school site to make sure there is a safety plan tailored to each classroom to address the needs of the students in case of a lock-down, evacuation or any other emergency - more information will be collected on the type and frequency of times the students practice the drills.

There were 5 public comments, two (2) online and three (3) in person; transportation, budget, transparency, inclusion - physical space, field trips opportunities, thanks - good luck to the new CAC and donation to CAC and the Coffee Cart. Public comments were forwarded to the Special Ed Director for staff to follow-up.

The May 12, 2022 General Meeting minutes were adopted as presented. Monica made a motion to adopt the [22/23 general meeting calendar](#), motion seconded. Motion passed. Monica moved to ratify the appointments of the CAC coordinators for the 22/23 school year, as follows;

Parent Education	Bernadette Ah-Hing
SpecEd Campus Rep	Angie Foster
Community Liaison	Heena Shah
Communications	Renee Carleson
Advisor	Andrea Matolo
PTA Council Liaison	Nette Pavlovich
Abilities Awareness Week	Robin Cowan

Monica M. shared the updated copies of the [Tri-Fold](#), the [IUSD CAC Parent Handbook](#), and reminded parents about the Parent Meetups, on the 4th Friday of the month at Panera Bread.

Parent Ed Coordinator, Bernadette, shared information about the Limited Conservatorship & Special Needs Trust Presentation by Weily Yang, Esq. scheduled on October 24, 2022 at 10:00am at Creekside Ed Ctr, Rm 1 and the November 17, 2022, General Meeting presentation: Assessments, SMART goals and staff roles.

Campus Rep Coordinator, Angie gave an update on the SpEd Campus Rep Monthly meetings and will be coordinating efforts with the new TOSAs, on the planning of the after school event; Inclusion Matters, Abilities Awareness Event, with the focus on “Awareness - Acceptance - Embrace” tentatively scheduled for March or April, to include a resource fair, activities for the family, live entertainment, showcasing adults with disabilities - business owners and the ATP Roasters Coffee Cart, food and more, and asked parents to pencil in the December 2nd Parent Social at Hangar 24 at 6pm.

PTA Council Liaison, Nette, shared about her role in bringing the CAC calendar of events to the PTA Council meeting and collaboration with the 43 PTA Units.

Monica M. made the following announcements;

IUSD - Parent Center	<a href="https://iusd.org/familvengagement">https://iusd.org/familvengagement</a>
IPD - Registry	<a href="https://www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-police-department/return-home-registry">https://www.cityofirvine.org/irvine-police-department/return-home-registry</a>
IRDAB - City	<a href="https://www.cityofirvine.org/disability-services">https://www.cityofirvine.org/disability-services</a>
TRIPS transportation	contact 949-724-7433 for more information and application
Studio D; Arts for All Abilities	<a href="mailto:Community@SCFTA.org">Community@SCFTA.org</a>

The next CAC General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Creekside Learning Center, Rm 5 followed by parent ed presentation; Assessments, SMART goals & Staff Roles .

A big thank you to the students from the ATP program, Roasters Coffee Cart! All donations go back 100% to support the continuation of this program. Thank you all for supporting our students!

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Parent Ed Presentation: Preparing for & Participating in the Facilitated IEP Process

Acting secretary: Monica Mesa