

**IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Special Education Department**

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
9:00- 10:30 am November 9, 2017  
IUSD Learning Center  
3387 Barranca, Irvine CA

AGENDA

*November 9, 2017*

**Call to Order: Danielle Wiltchik at 9:04 am**

**Welcome to Guests**

- Board Member(s): none in attendance
  
- Program Specialists and District Staff: Lara Pascoe, Jan Brenner, Stacy Kredel, Allison Robbins, Erin Ferguson and Erica Hawkes,

**Attendance: Introductions/Roll Call (Chair)**

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- New Members- welcome and please fill out a membership application.
- Voting Members Present-Show of hands of Voting Members= 10 voting members present. 28 Total in attendance

**Reading of last Minutes (Secretary)**

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of last meeting**

Moved by: Anna

Second by: John

**Public Comments**

The CAC invites members of the public to present information to the Committee and District about topics of interest or concern to individuals. Please fill out a card with your name with your questions and concerns. We will address these during our open forum. At any time during the meeting, you may hand these cards to any of the district personnel or Committee members. When you are called upon, we request to keep a time limit of 3-minutes per presentation, so that we are able to address as many members as possible. Any questions that are specific to a child or situation, or any cards that are not attended to during this business meeting will be addressed at the next meeting or forwarded to the appropriate sub-committee to support you. Thank you.

**Reports of Officers**

Chairwoman Report- Danielle

- Voting Board Positions
  - Clara Song- Secretary proposed and passed
  - Debra Sussman- Vice Chair. Proposed and passed

- Non-Elected Support Positions
  - Rasema McAllister- Mentor Program –interested but not in attendance
  - Arlene Stocks for Sub-Committee Chair- interested but not in attendance
  - Open Chairs are still- Legislation, Social – if interested please contact Danielle or Clara at IUSDAC@Gmail.com

Secretary Report- Danielle  
Recap the Presentation.

Update on Upcoming Events in District and Community  
ECLC harvest Festival coming up- preschool playdates at the park near the school- please contact Donna [Dbillimek@gmail.com](mailto:Dbillimek@gmail.com) . They will also have a wheel/Jog-a-Thon in May.

Barnes and Noble- Nov. 16 will have crafts and storytelling hosted by the PTA- Piper

### Reports from District –

- Executive Director Report – Melanie Hertig, not in attendance, as she is at a training.
- Erica Hawkes, Director of Operations Preschool/Elementary,
  - TOSA (teachers on Special Assignments) Doing some incredible work. They are working on formal training STAR curriculum, LINKS curriculum. Just in Time Training supports teachers when it is new to them. PLC (Professional Learning Communities) puts on trainings on Specific Learning Targets with teachers. Trainings on the new computer IEP program, support on teaching instruction and
  - Superintendent- State of the District- highlighted some key themes are our students, 70% of future jobs are not created yet and we need to address. We are getting \$ 4,300 less money per student. Than national average. He also addressed PTA and national PTA supports our students and helps to fill the gap. He addressed our new schools and facilities that are being rehab with Measure E funds. As well as, Technology. It has installed almost 1:1 infrastructure is in place for most of the schools.
  - Summs Grant- Multi tiered Systems of Support. OCDE applied to this and we also applied. This provides more resources to help with the social/ emotional and behavioral supports. Meetings will begin in November. It allows collaboration and information change.
- Allison Robbins, Director of Operations Secondary/Adult Transition  
Adult transition meetings coming up.  
Please grab your contact list for program specialist. Reviewed whom to call.

### Committee Reports

**Set dates for** -CAC family BBQ, CAC Family night out at a sensory sensitive movie, beach day and Appreciation tea.

Kristen F- will update and help set a sensory friendly movie night. The most recent will be Thor AMC the second and fourth Saturday Orange.

**Open Floor:**

If a community member would like to make an announcement of upcoming events, programs, or services please contact Danielle to be added to the agenda

RJ De Rama the Executive Director, Makapo Aquatics Project presented on their program for children with special needs. His contact information is [rj@makapo.org](mailto:rj@makapo.org) or 9494666800.

RJ came with his friend Paul and his guide dog Ramier to explain the Makapo Keiki Krew. Initially began as a paddling team for visually impaired youth has expanded to include all children with special needs. RJ explained about his disability of being blind and that he works on a outrigger team. He created a team for blind and physical needs. VI team will start in June. UCP and Blind Children's Center, and other organizations to provide more classes. December 2, parent meeting and support. Play for All are also working with his organization to expand. March and May have a free open family day. Food, water play and boating. All ages 3-18, 3-7 parent and me is 30 min. Has been working with BEST DAY. Please check out the website for more information.

**Discussion/Action Items (Chair)**

**Robin:** Parents need a larger voice with our school. Parents know the needs of their child. There does not to be transparency of what is offered or available within our district. We need to have an open forum for children when asked for supports. Our schools are so different across the district, but no explanation to parents what they can ask for.

**Response:** Task force on continuity of policy across school district. Meeting Date TBA.

**Donna:** Children with nursing needs and support. Is the school moving away from agency nurses, and use IUSD nurses? They are stating that child does not need a nurse, or an IUSD nurse, supported by ED CODE. Worried that the discrimination and segregation die to medical needs and the lack of adequate medical support.

**Response:** the district is legally bound to provide nursing support. The school and family need to work with the district nurse to ensure that a medical protocol is in place and working well.

**Several parents asked similar questions about aides:** What is the reason why the aide not at the IEP meeting? Even with the understanding that an aide is under the guidance of the special education teacher. Why do we not have access to the aide even at the IEP?

**Response:** Aides are classified staff, it is a human resource designation. They do not hold the qualifications to speak about curriculum, health or development of your child or their IEP. To speak with you about goals, growth, behavior modification, or otherwise is outside their job description. Possible that the teacher and you outline what the information can be disseminated and what needs to be filtered. Need to identify as a policy what trainings can be offered to expand our aides to the level of Paraprofessional to assist on a more professional level in communication and collaboration with the school and family.

**Concern:** parent training at the ECLC level and for transitions.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Items tabled:
- How to request playgrounds to be more physically inclusive for those in wheelchairs or with mobility limitations

- PTA funds and PTSF funds and grants for supplies and items of needs.

**Adjourn Time:**

Motion: Sussman Seconded: 10:40