



**Community Advisory Committee
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2024
Laguna Hills High School MPR**

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Kris Spowart, Chair *
Rebecca Woode *
Carol Harlan, Secretary *
Tala Brinderson *
Megan Cauley *
Marty Margheim*
Karina Purcell *
Jacqueline Saba *
Scarlett vonThenen *
Emily Arias **

Lisa Carillo **
Rae Lynn Nelson **
Samantha Gambrell **
Irene White **
Maria Giles
Monica Mays
Heather Waldiosd
Nadia Hardy
Kathy Robinson
Ray Blake

Lisa Miyazaki
Brandy Monair
Cinda Romero ***
Amy Jaspersen ***
Heather Davies ***

* Voting Member (9)
** Administration (5)
*** Joined on Zoom (3)
Total Participants (25)

1. RECORD MEETING

Recording was turned on.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Kris Spowart called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call held with the following Voting Members present – Carol Harlan, Jacqueline Saba, Karina Purcell, Kris Spowart, Megan Cauley, Rebecca Woode, Scarlett vonThenen, Tala Brinderson, and Mary Margheim. Quorum met.

5. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves.

6. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rebecca Woode made motion and Scarlett Vonthenin seconded. Vote held and motion passed.

7. REPORTS

- a. **SVPTA SPECIAL EDUCATION LIAISON – Kris Spowart**
 - i. SVPTA Update
 - ii. Continuing to meet with teachers and principals throughout the district
 - 1. Principals asked for a list of training opportunities to be shared with all principals (proactive vs reactive)
 - iii. Kris will attend the Superintendent Advisory Meeting on Jan 22
 - iv. Next Parent Meetup – Jan 23 online Google Meet. Feb 9 will be in person at Flo Jo park in Mission Viejo
 - v. Kris hopes to attend Sacramento Safari – Feb 25-26 & SVPTA is voting on it

- b. **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AT LBUSD - Irene White**

There will be 3 Professional Development days held in LBUSD this year.

- 1. PD in January was focused on behaviors.
- 2. Second will be to help parents with reading strategies and students that have reading disorders.
- 3. Third will be on executive functioning deficits on how to support kids with these deficits.

- c. **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AT SVUSD – Emily Arias on behalf of Rae Lynn Nelson (Interim Director)**

- i. SVUSD Update
 - 1. ATP had first annual holiday fair – celebrated the various business that are student run ventures
 - 2. ATP hosting winter wonderland dance at Elks Lodge
 - 3. ATP showcase for incoming families is 1/17
 - 4. La Tierra had 2 parent workshops (fun fine motor and gross motor activities and helping your child with their speech and language development at home)
 - 5. La Tierra will host a parent meeting on Transitions to TK/K and helping your child with difficult behavior at home in February
 - 6. La Tierra continues to grow. Another class was approved.
 - 7. Two unified leaders attended the Unified Conference in San Diego. The teachers will bring back information to train teachers in unified activities throughout the district.
 - 8. The Assessment Center Team provided training to the district Learning Links and TK staff to help support students in their general education programs.
 - 9. ESY planning has started. ESY dates will be June 6 – July 3, 2024.
 - 10. DIS joint provider meetings this month to provide specific updates and training to the providers (Speech, OT, PT, etc.)
 - 11. SLPs will have training March 6th on gestalt language processing.
- ii. Special Education Department – Status of Open Positions / Plan
 - 1. Rae Lynn is interim director
 - 2. Conducted interviews and offered assistant Super Intendent position.
 - 3. Hired psychologist on special assignment to help with mental health
 - 4. Starting the hiring process for a director will follow the fulfillment of the Super Intendent position.
- iii. Family Resource Room/Building – Capo Visit Update
 - 1. Put together a spread sheet with families to gather ideas for a future resource room. Rescheduled to go visit Capos resource room.

iv. Teacher & Staff Training(s)

1. La Tierra inclusive practices presentation provided by Diagnostic Center of OC
2. Instructional Assistants working on data collection and process and procedures
3. ATP teaching staff will be visiting capo ATP program and OC Bridges
4. ELD training for secondary language arts teachers
5. CAA training for mod/severe teachers
6. Sped providers will be joining general education counterparts in their trainings.
Session offered for teachers to choose from:

Rae Lynn Nelson	Tiffany Jackson, Sara Christensen	Tier 1 and Tier 2 behaviors
Sarah Harman		De-Escalation Strategies
Andrea Schannen		Instructional Strategies for High Frequency Students with Disabilities
Suzanne Bucaro		Unconditional Positive Regard- Reframing the Teacher-Student Relationship
Thuong Horne		Supporting Students Who are Twice Exceptional
Maribel Herrera		Newcomers
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Alva Alvarez		Trauma Informed
Cristina O'Connell		Behavior Strategies
Kim Yarrington		Community Circles
Kim Versluis (Start Well)		
Samantha Healy	Kimberly Caputo	Collaborative Conversations
Erika Garcia		Building Class Community and Collaborative Conversations with Classroom Circle
Christina Moore	Natasha Rios	Morning Meetings/Classroom Circles
Morgan Gillespie, Briana Delfin	Belinda Togawa	Behavior is a Form of Communication
Brooke Evans	Belinda Togawa	Community Building Practices

Taylor Chutney (Rabkin)	Tammy Cayeula	Response Opportunities for Whole Group Engagement and Classroom Management
Sydney Ross	Tammy Cayeula	Classroom Culture
Colleen Dominguez	Haylee Ferguson	Inclusive Practices to Support all students in the General Education Classroom
Laura Escutia	Tina Haymes, Emma Kremer	Successful accommodations for tier 2/3 behaviors
Amy Sharp		Inclusive Community Strategies for Students with ADHD
Illena Tavares		Inclusive and Interactive Literacy Strategies
Carrie Nichols	Jo-Ann Goldenberg	Inclusive Kagan Strategies
Lauren Wiepking		From Math by Memorizing to Math by Understanding
Mikey Park		504 Support
Tamar Newport	Tricia Gray	VABB
Nissa Menke	Cecile Vu	Text-Based Culturally Responsive Classroom Conversations
Gina Pavlov		Thinking Maps and Benchmark Writing
Erin Hansen		SEL in the GATE Classroom

d. **DIRECTOR OF SOC SELPA** – Rae Lynn Nelson

- i. SELPA Update
- ii. Postcard Delivery Status
 1. First wave started going out last week to the Ed Specialists to pass out
- iii. Local Plan Status
 1. Meeting on 11/16 reviewed appendix A and B. Due to CDE by end of June.
- iv. Legislation Updates
 1. No updates until the first state SELPA meeting which is the beginning of February.

- e. **CAC CHAIR – Kris Spowart**
 - i. CAC Update
 - 1. Flyers for various parent trainings on table. Will also be up on social media platforms.
 - 2. Collecting donation in March, April, or May for SVUSD Marketplace.
 - ii. CAC Voting Member Involvement – More active participation from all voting members
 - iii. Parent Education Planning
 - 1. Cari Salkin Reading – March 13?
 - 2. LCAP, Budget, & Local Plan – April/May?
 - a. Any comments on the local plan can be brought to the CAC
 - 3. Triumph Awards – in April/May?
 - a. Possibly splitting the triumph awards over two meetings this year
 - b. Maybe for next year do a handful of awards each meeting
 - 4. Transitions – April/May?
 - 5. Next Year's Topics: September 2024 – Have Special Education Admin & Teams from each district attend & present
 - iv. CAC Awareness/Notification of Information – Newsletter, Emails, ParentSquare
 - 1. CAC Postcards & Meeting Dates
 - 2. Parent Handbook is now available.
- f. **CAC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (LBUSD) – Jacqueline Saba**
 - i. CAC Update
 - 1. ASB is keeping people involved during lunch (games, activities, sports, etc)
 - 2. Trying to keep the Buddy Club going again

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any item NOT on the agenda)**

There were no comments submitted.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (on any item ON the Agenda)**

There were no comments submitted.

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Recommendations for filling vacancies on CAC and appointment by the Governing Boards

i. SVUSD Special Education Staff (to fill term ending 06/30/2024) – Aimee Mella

Mary Margheim made motion and Carol Harlan seconded. Vote held and motion carried.

ii. SVUSD Student with Exceptional Needs (to fill term ending 06/30/2025) – position still available

11. **CONSENT ITEMS**

a. **Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Megan Cauley made motion and Rebecca Woode seconded. Vote held and motion carried.

12. **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

- a. **SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOICE INTRADISTRICT WINDOW** - January 8-26, 2024. Application Window for students entering grades 7-12.
- b. **NEXT CAC MEETING DATE – March 13, 2023, 5:00 pm – Laguna Hills High School MPR**
- c. **NEXT SVUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATE – January 18, 2024, 6:00 pm**
- d. **NEXT LBUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATE – February 15, 6:00 pm**
- e. **NEXT GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING DATE – February 7, 2023, 9:00 am, LBUSD Board Room**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Margheim made motion and Karen Rebecca Woode seconded. Kris adjourned the meeting at 5:57 PM.

14. Q&A SESSION – Ask questions of the LBUSD and SVUSD Administration

Q: Is there a diversity student inclusion community to support parents who just moved here from out of the country?

A: Laguna Beach has a parent mentor program. RCOC if the child is eligible.

Q: Special education administrator of .. Kaninka Barns intends to collaborate with 2 school districts and 8 schools through the swift grant. Was SVUSD offered the swift grant?

A: Rae Lynn will find out

Q: Where is the parent handbook?

A: On the SVUSD website – CAC website

Q: For class photos – is there a policy on which class the student should be in if they are in both gen ed and SAI class

A: Rae Lynn will address with the principals at the principal meeting

Q: How many parent mentors in SVUSD for preschool?

A: 8 currently. This is just rolling out. Starting with elementary mentors for the preschool parents. May build in the future.

15. PARENT EDUCATION – Adult Transition and Life After SVUSD – Ray Bueche, Coordinator, Esperanza Adult Transition Program

[SOC SELPA Website](#)

[SOC CAC Website](#)

[CAC PARTICIPATION APPLICATION FORM](#)

[CAC Q&A - QUESTIONS AT CAC MEETINGS](#) (Submit online no later than 24 hours prior to each meeting)

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