

Capistrano Unified School District
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes
April 24, 2024
In Person & YouTube Live

Meeting called to order at 9:34 AM.

Attendance:

Rachel Niemeyer-Sutherland
Mina Carson
Beth Davis
Michele Ploessel-Campbell
Danielle Schmiesing
Kimber Smith
Carol Atkinson-Smith
Whitney Zolna
Sonia Moser
Julie Cole
Steve Burke
Jillian Stewart

CAC members absent:

Mo Langley
Nicole Lindstrom
Janelle Stever

Officer and Committee Reports

Beth Davis called the meeting to order. She asked attendees to please sign in. Whitney Zolna motioned to approve the agenda and start the meeting. Kimber Smith seconded. No corrections to the March minutes. By raising of hands, the group approved the motions. All in attendance were notified the meeting was being recorded live on YouTube and would be available for future viewing on the CAC YouTube channel. A link will be posted to CAC social media accounts as well.

Elections of 2024-2025 CAC Board

Beth Davis reviewed the recommended CAC Board for the 2024-2025 SY as follows:

Chairperson -Beth Davis

1st Vice Chair -Julie Cole

Vice-Chair Michele Ploessel-Campbell

Vice Chair -Mina Carson

Secretary/Treasurer -Helen Lavino

Director of Communications & Social Media - Julie Cole

Mina Carson motioned to approve the board, and Michelle Ploessel-Campbell seconded the motion. The motion for the 2024-2025 CAC Board was adopted by a raising of hands.

Beth Davis then reviewed the nominations for the 2024-2025 CAC Committee Chairs as follows:

Ability Awareness -Open

Ability Awareness Co-Chair -Danielle Schmeising

Legislation/Parent Advocacy -Michele Ploessel-Campbell

Grade Level Transitions Event -Open

Sunshine Awards (Exceptional Educator event) -Julie Cole

Hospitality/ Events - Steve Burke

Hospitality/Events Co-chair - Carol Atkinson- Smith

Local Plan -Open

Whitney Zolna motioned to approve the chairs, and Michelle Ploessel-Campbell seconded. The motion for the 2024-2025 CAC Committee Chairs was passed by a raising of hands.

Exceptional Student Awards

Each year each High school, with support from CAC, celebrates high school seniors who have made outstanding contributions in creating inclusive school communities by authentically building friendships and connections with peers who have disabilities. This award goes to neurotypical students and it is usually presented at a high school senior awards night. Special Education teachers and Best Buddy advisors are a good resource for nominations. Coordinate with the admin or PTA at your school to include this award in their senior awards ceremony. There are certificate templates on the CAC website page to use and then present to the point of contact for the senior awards night.

Speaker Idea for Next Year Google Survey-The post-meeting email will contain a survey for speakers for next school year.

Chairperson Reports

Sonia Moser - Family Resource Center Liaison- FRC Happenings, Families Connected-

April 27 is Dia Del Nino at Union High School. There will be food, community agencies, and it is family friendly. Beach Kids Therapy Center is offering a free class on water safety Wednesday, May 1, from 8:30-10 AM at their San Clemente clinic. More information on these events can be found on Instagram @CUSD Family Resource Center.

Michele Ploessel-Campbell - Legislative Update- Remember to register to vote for the upcoming November 2024 Election.

Mina Carson- Reflections Update-Six students from CAPO USD went to the state level with their nominated performance or art form. "Accepting Imperfection" will be next year's theme.

Julie Cole-Sunshine Award Recap-Ms. Cole thanked all of the volunteers who made the Sunshine Awards possible.

Administrator Introductions/Discussion

Clint Collins, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education Services- Mr. Collins brought a handout which can be found in the post-meeting email. In reviewing the handout, he stated that state budget cuts should not affect students with IEP's because Ed Code and federal laws require IEP's to be followed as they are written. He also stated that SANDI is an assessment given to students for forward mapping IEP goals for moderate to severe students. He also reviewed that ULS is "Unique Learning" curriculum used for Special Education Students. He also stated that all Special Education Teachers will be receiving several training opportunities this summer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2024 at 9:30 am at the district office in training rooms 2 and 3. It will be a parent workshop called, "Oh, Behave."