

POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Department
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
District Office - TITAN Room (note change from usual location)
15250 Avenue of Science
San Diego, CA 92128
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Attendees: Shelly Wright, Karen Harkins Slocumb, David Choi, Alex Sparks, Tiffany King, Heather Plotzke, Rosabel Agbayani, Lisa Dreyer (liaison), Melissa Lazaro, Anna Quint, Gina Zanolini, Cheryl Hernandez

Absent: Etis Fathy, Frida Brunzel, Bernard Larsen Present: 2 Members of the Public and one presenter

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Input – None
3. Minutes for March 26, 2019 and April 8, 2019 approved
4. New Business:
 - I. Patterns of Strengths & Weaknesses Presentation by Penny Duarte
 - Currently PUSD uses the Discrepancy Model
 - Patterns of Strengths & Weakness Model features
 - early identification
 - evidence based practices
 - targeted interventions/and strategies
 - Resulting in
 - Accurate identification
 - Assessments that are easy for parents to understand
 - All student assessed in a consistent manner

It was noted that this model would require a higher level of training on the part of the district. Penny previously presented to the school district and the next step is to the Board of Directors. Penny will notify the CAC when it will be presented to the board of directors. The key is to help the district understand the benefits of Patterns of Strengths and Weakness training.

One of the public members questioned the consistency of training, Penny agreed consistency will be key. Other concerns were current caseloads of school psychologists, identification only focused on primary grades and less emphasis on middle/high school levels in which students may not be identified. Per Penny there are no costs to move to the Pattern of Strengths and Weakness model (PSW). It was suggested by committee member to have a minimum of 1.5 hours for an IEP and scheduling meetings closer together to avoid the lag time between assessment and determination of services.

II. Budget Review with district representative

Annual Service Plans were distributed and a motion was made to move the agenda to discuss Annual Service Plans later in the meeting, motion approved unanimously.

III. District Liaison Report

- Barton Training- 12 schools initially trained. The district will purchase the program/curriculum and training for the remaining elementary and middle schools by the end of December 2019. This will mean there is at least one lead teacher at each elementary and middle school, and a set of black line maters for use at each of those school sites. Each Representative will be able to train. By December 18 schools could possibly have Barton Training but all of this needs to be approved
- Parent Training- SPED would like to host more parent trainings based on the success of the trainings hosted by the CAC in 2018-2019. Concerns regarding video broadcast of meetings to allow more families to view who are unable to attend in person. Currently there is a cost and question if the cost be justified. The district liaison will try to determine if there is data that can be collected from how many clicks/views of previously recorded presentation.
- District Liaison appreciated the input regarding comment made about standardization of scheduling of IEPs.
- Parent Handbooks will be printed and distributed

IV. Sub-committee Updates & Reports:

- Events – Review Parent information night (April 8) – Tiffany
 - General feedback was positive, parents appreciated information, well attended.
- External Communication (David and Melissa)
 - CAC Brochure printed- distribution will start with Preschool Assessment Team, English/Spanish version available, and roll out to psychologists in the fall.
 - Improvements to website- Parent Liaison’s name has been moved to the top of the page (Gina Z), procedural safeguards and links to non-profit resources added, and programs per site/Program Specialists Contact information added to the page.
- Events - Excellence in Special Education (Rosabel & Cheryl)
 - Event on Thursday May 22, 2019 6:30-8pm
 - Online Google form available with nominations accepted till May 9, 2019.
 - Rosabel to forward Info and Flyer to Tiffany for district ConnectEd distribution
- Membership (Karen)- no updates
- Governance (Karen) -no updates
- Closing Comments- no updates

Meeting adjourned: 8:08pm