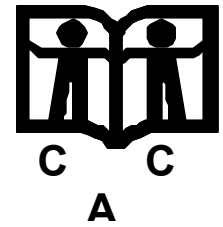


**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 13, 2004**  
**6:30 P.M. Business Meeting**  
**7:30-8:30 Presentation**  
**NCCSE Office Conference Room**  
**570 Rancheros Drive, Suite 270**  
**San Marcos, CA 92069**  
**MINUTES**



- I. Welcome and Introductions**—Lynne Bath, CAC Chairperson. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. Introductions of NCCSE Board and staff. Reps introduce themselves. Jargon busting and orientation process explained.
- II. CAC Orientation:** Mixer—small breakout groups organized by colored dot on name tag. Discuss interest/skills sheet and ways to be an effective rep. Reported ideas back to the whole group—newsletters, e-mails/websites, link from Districts to NCCSE website, mention the NCCSE website and links in newsletters, raise awareness of NCSSE through brochures at IEP meetings, poster/table presentation at Back to School Nights, have Special Ed booster group at the site level. NCCSE Video shown, CAC rep handbooks will be given out at next meeting, Top Ten Ways to be an Effective CAC rep passed out, Committee signup folders give reps opportunity to match skills with needs of the CAC.
- III. Meeting Logistics**—Lynne Bath explains check-in procedure for meetings, roster with permission to share phone numbers, and refreshment signup sent around.
- IV. May Minutes Approved**
- V. Public Comment**—Lynne Bath explains procedure/form for public comment. Individual speakers limited to three minutes, with total time allocated for public comment not to exceed 15 minutes. Complaints should be systemic in nature. Positive comments about something that is working well are also appropriate. Follow up on public comment occurs at the next meeting. Procedure for comment follow up is included on the public comment form.
- VI. Public Comment Follow Up**- None, because of no public comment at the May meeting.
- VII. Announcements** - announced, and sent to all reps as e-mail.
- VIII. Program Director's Report**—Executive Director Joe Schwartzberg reports **Resolutions for Student Success**, the alternative disputes process has begun. Designed to resolve disputes that might escalate to a complaint or due process. Some have already been solved via phone call. Brochure distributed. Strategic Planning this year moves to 5<sup>th</sup> objective—Communication. Goal is to raise awareness of NCCSE. New Superintendents in Solana Beach and Carlsbad, NCCSE has three new program specialists. Funding crisis over Mental Health Services for students has escalated. Three years ago the state stopped giving money to counties for Mental Health services to students. San Diego County has filed two lawsuits over the “unfunded mandate.” 1. Asks state to repay \$30 million which is debt for these services in S.D. County. 2. Counties should be absolved from future responsibility of this unfunded mandate. Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Gunther of Sacramento ruled in favor of County, saying the program is unconstitutional, and that the county can legally refuse to run the program unless and until it has “adequate

and good faith funding.” NCCSE is on record saying IDEA insures children get these services. But if payment shifts to school districts it will mean fewer resources to general education. Costs 6 million annually to serve NCCSE located children. Also, districts do not have the infrastructure or expertise to provide these services. County is now dismantling their program of subcontractors, effective November 30<sup>th</sup>. State has 60 days to appeal-September 21<sup>st</sup>, and could ask for a stay, but might not because there’s also Proposition A which bans unfunded mandates. Senate Bill 1895 provides 2 \_ million for San Diego County.

**IX. Legislative Report**—deferred to next meeting, when it will be the focus of the Info Session

**X. Proposed Changes to Slate of Officers/ By-laws:** Patti Wiggins is moving and has resigned. Lynne thanked Patti for her service and said Patti urges people to get involved in CAC committees and on the board. At next meeting following slate will be presented, and nominations are also open to the floor and until the next CAC meeting. Kellie Dunn-move from PR Liaison to Vice Chair, Libba Jackson-D’Ambrosi move from secretary to PR Liaison. Shannon Trotter—Secretary. Proposed by-law changes will be sent to reps via e-mail to notify and allow careful consideration before the next meeting. One change is adding Legislative Liaison as member of Executive Board.

**XI. Closure and adjournment:** Exchange name tags for chocolate on your way out.

**XII. Tonight’s info Presentation: Facilitating Friendships for Students with Disabilities—Gayle Patterson, NCCSE Program Specialist**

**Tonight’s refreshments provided by NCCSE**

**Next CAC Meeting: Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 6:30 business meeting,  
7:30 Info Presentation--Legislative Focus: What are Candidate Positions on  
Special Education issues?**