



**TULARE COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

MINUTES

January 9, 2020

**The Tulare County Community Advisory Committee for Special Education
met January 9, 2020 @ 1:30 pm at 6200 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Kenny, Sally Fernandes, Anthony Martin, Connie Acevedo, Rashella Avalos-Senteno

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Standridge, Timberly Romero, Marilyn Malloy, Amy McMahon, Stephanie Caldera, Cyndi Ward, Tiffany Stark

OTHERS PRESENT: Joy Voita, Jessica Ceja, and Norma Erwin, Parent School Liaisons with Tulare County Office of Education; Dawn Padilla, BHS Clinical Supervisor TCOE, John Davis, Leadership Support Services TCOE, Jamey Erwin Nottoli, Parenting Network; Marian Baltazar, Parent and Member of the Public

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: CAC Facilitator, Norma Erwin welcomed CAC members and called for self-introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments made by members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: CAC Facilitator, Norma Erwin announced that minutes will be sent via email to all CAC members for review and a vote as there was not a quorum to approve the December 5, 2019 meeting minutes. The following members voted via email to approve the December minutes: Sally Fernandes, Stephanie Caldera, Timberly Romero, Rashella Avalos-Senteno, Tiffany Stark, Louise Kenny, Anthony Martin, and Amy McMahon

REPORTS:

- A. **CAC "Meeting Challenges" Calendar for 2021 Topic** - Jessica Ceja, Parent School Liaison led the CAC members in a brainstorming session for the 2021 CAC "Meeting Challenges" calendar. The 2021 Calendar will focus on 6th, 7th and 8th grade years (Middle School Age). The CAC brainstormed the following ideas:
- Transitions (entering and exiting)
 - Sense of Belonging
 - BHS can share how we can best support students
 - AB2246 Adopting suicide prevention policies
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - Extra Curriculum Activities
 - Diversity
 - Sports & Band participation in Middle School
 - Equity Access

- B. Annual SPED Luncheon – The CAC members planned and discussed the following items for the luncheon:
- Menu - Ruiz Catering was selected to provide the entrees.
 - Table Centerpieces - The Creative Center will again be commissioned.
 - Music/Entertainment Discussion - Several students with disabilities joined the summer youth music and leadership program sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens and experienced wonderful successful. The CAC agreed to ask them to perform.
- C. A review of all Parent Workshops for Spring 2020 was provided by Norma Erwin.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **"Behavior Strategies in the Classroom"** - Rashella Avalos-Senteno, Director of Special Education presented an overview of behavioral strategies frequently used in the classroom and school site such as research and evidence based practices, classroom management systems, Trauma Informed Practices, alternative means of correction and promoting positive school culture. Rashella provided an explanation of Multi-Tiered Support System, Positive Behavioral Intervention Support, SUMS Initiative and Response to Intervention. There are also behavioral strategies that are typically implemented throughout the school district for all students. For example, Positive Behavior Reward Systems and visual supports are posted in the classrooms, cafeteria, library and other areas within school campus, and provide clear behavioral expectations district wide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES PROVIDED:

- A. Next Meeting: February 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm in Redwood E
- B. Resource Information:
- January 9, 2020 CAC Agenda
 - December 5, 2019 CAC minutes
 - "Save the Date" CAC SPED Luncheon - May 12th, 2020
 - CAC Luncheon Menu from Ruiz Catering
 - History of Calendar Topics from 1991 – 2020
 - Visalia Winter Fest
 - Professional Development Opportunities Calendar

Meeting Adjourned.