

## 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."