

OUSD Special Education Parents and Community Group
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Agenda
Monday June 6, 2011

6:00 Potluck, Meet and Greet

Introductions, Name Tags, Purpose and Mission of CAC
Index cards for Community Concerns
Input on topics of interest for next year's meetings

6:30 Presentation and Community Input: OUSD's Draft 5-Year Strategic Plan

Troy Flint, Director of Public Relations & OUSD Representatives

There will be a brief overview of the draft Plan followed by 30 minutes of community input and feedback about the Plan with a specific focus on students with special needs, their families, their schools and how OUSD can best support them. The Plan and Appendices can be found at www.thrivingstudents.org.

7:20 Updates, Announcements, Subcommittee Reports – Stacey Smith

- The status of the District's response to the April Advisory Letter April 2011 Advisory Letter about the need for hiring, supporting and retaining the most highly qualified special education teachers
- The recent All-City Council endorsement of our April 2011 Advisory Letter
- The new Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)
- CAC End of Year Report
- Changes to keep in mind for next year (new CAC locations, new PEC phone numbers)

7: 40 Special Education Director's End of Year Report

Sharon Casanares, Director of Programs for Exceptional Children (Special Education)

8:15 Community Concerns – Sharon Jobson and Sharon Casanares

This is a chance for members of the community to bring up concerns about programs, policies, processes, school sites, communication and other concerns that affect students with special needs and the community that serves them. It is not a place to raise concerns about specific individuals. For example, it is okay to raise a concern about transportation problems and with a brief example about how that has affected your child. If you have concerns about a specific individual or IEP, please leave a note on the index card for Director Casanares to follow up on at a later date.

9:00 Adjourn and Clean-up

*Our 2011-12 meeting schedule will be announced over the summer.
Please sign up for our email list and watch our wiki for updates. Have a great summer!*

Find more info on our wiki: <http://oaklandcac.pbworks.com> or website: <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/PECCAC>
To join our email list or to email the CAC: cacoakland@gmail.com ▪ Voice messages may be left at (510) 879-2708

What is a CAC Supposed to Do?

30 EC 56194 Community Advisory Committee Authority; Responsibilities. The community advisory committee shall have the authority and fulfill the responsibilities that are defined for it in the local plan. The responsibilities shall include, but need not be limited to, all the following: (a) Advising the policy and administrative entity of the special education local plan area regarding the development, amendment, and review of the local plan. The entity shall review and consider comments from the community advisory committee; (b) Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the plan; (c) Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan; (d) Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the local plan; (e) Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs; (f) Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance.