

Meeting Notes for November 1, 2018 SELPA 1 CAC meeting:

9:30 at 1299 Bryant Street MVLA Board Room

Future SELPA1CAC meeting dates: Dec 6 at MVLA, Feb 7 MVLA, March 14 at Palo Alto, April 25 at MVLA, May 23 at MVLA

1. Introductions

Attending: Christine Case-Lo, Adriana Suvaiala, Amanda Torres, Alison Biggs, Ellen Wheeler, Anne Spillane (who discussed Project Cornerstone working group for inclusion and special needs), Beverly Thomson (ass dir of spec ed)

2. News and additions to the agenda

Ellen - announcement - President of Santa Clara County school board association, speakers - one is for Special Ed. Wednesday Nov 14 at 7:30 pm at SCCOE. Dr. Mary Ann Dewan (superintendent of Santa Clara county schools, with background in Spec. Ed) talking about special ed, what the county is doing for special ed, surveying School Board members. Partially open - normally this meeting is restricted, but a few interested parents and community members will be able to attend.

3. Updates from SpEd administrators

Bev Thomas - Getting to understand district, just starting planning for articulation smooth transition for 8th graders.

MVWSD was unable to attend

LASD was unable to attend

PAUSD attends the Palo Alto CAC meeting

4. Palo Alto report

Last month joint meeting

Intro of new Selpa director, Leo Mapagu, job description is available from Palo Alto CAC

11/3 Workshop SVILC was described
11/3 PHP IEP Smart goals and assessments workshop
Training for Parent reps will be offered
Dispute resolution continuum

5. Mental Health Committee report and renewal of Parent Chat

Parent Chat will be up and running once again on the second Tuesday of the month at the Los Altos Library with Trudy Palmer, Kris Kim and Patty Hurley.

MHS will be paying attention to the ongoing County project of building an adolescent mental health inpatient facility as part of Valley Health Center. This has been a long-fought for goal of youth mental health advocates.

6. Parent Coffees – update and upcoming events, including High School Coffees at 9 am and 4 pm on November 2

Coffees have occurred at Monta Loma, Springer, Bubb, Crittenden, Santa Rita, Graham, Castro, Mistral, Gardner Bullis, Covington, Oak Avenue, Landels and Huff.

Coffees are planned for the High Schools on 11/2, Stevenson on 11/5, Theuerkauf on 11/9, Egan on 11/14, Almond on 12/12.

We are still working on planning Parent Coffees for Special Ed at Loyola, Blach and Bullis Charter school.

1) Parent reps at many schools

Many schools now have Parent Reps, including:
Sarah Anderson at Monta Loma
Maya Prager at Springer
Amanda Torres at Bubb

Sarah Anderson at Crittenden
Alison Biggs at Santa Rita
Suzanne Strohmeier at Graham
Agnes Charrel-Berthillier at Mistral
Autumn Loojen and Sara Akhavi at Gardner Bullis
Kavithe Herle and Swathi Jampani at Covington
Kinnera Rao at Oak
Anne Spillane at Landels
Alana F at Almond
Eliana Osorio at Slater
Nikki Emens at Loyola

Reps are still needed at MVHS, LAHS, Alta Vista, Castro, Egan, Blach, Stevenson and Theuerkauf

7. Ability Awareness schedule, update in Mountain View. Potential for Los Altos.

- Next school will be Bubb. Training is coming up on Nov 7.
Stevenson and Landels will be in 2019.

8. Scheduling and Suggestions for Spring events

a) Parent Education events (legal planning with Palo Alto CAC?)

Possible a workshop or mini conference on legal and financial planning at a middle school on a Saturday in March or April.

We need more ideas. Decisions will be made in December.

b) Additional workshops with SVILC

After the SVILC workshop we will be talking with SVILC about additional workshops

c) Community get-togethers, "crafting night", social events?

Crafting nights, social events were briefly discussed

d) Let's Talk and Parent Chat events

In December we will be deciding if Let's Talk will be a monthly or ever-two-month event. Parent Chat will be monthly on second Tuesdays

9. Recruiting "official" CAC members for School Board Approval – getting on Board agendas.

After the High School Coffees, we will be sending out a Doodle poll to find a time for a training by Palo Alto for Parent Representatives. During this event we will be canvassing reps for who would be willing to be the official district representatives to the CAC. Each of the four districts should, by the bylaws, have 2 (or more) representatives that have been voted on by the School Boards in each district. This position does not involve additional work. The presence of a majority of approved reps is necessary for certain rare votes of the CAC.

Anne Spillane volunteered to be a new representative for MVWSD. Alison Biggs expressed interest in being a Los Altos representative. Christine Case-Lo would like to be the MVLA representative. Palo Alto is in the process of approving two representatives.