

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Parent and Community Services
Community Advisory Committee

BYLAWS AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT, February 8, 2021

The Bylaws Ad-Hoc met on February 8, 2021. In attendance were Ariel Harman-Holmes, Lisa Mosko, Mayra Zamora, Yu Wen Kim, Bryan Davis, Danny Dixon, and Lisa Porter.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Please. We need your input. We are discussing important changes to the bylaws.

Bylaws aren't just boring rules. They're the skeleton that holds up our entire committee. We need them to:

- Be sure every member of the CAC has a voice.
- Ensure that every CAC member understands how to make their voice heard.
- Have a CAC membership that actually represents the whole spectrum of special education families and stakeholders.
- Ensure that we accomplish the mandated work of the CAC on time.
- Make future members' jobs easier by helping them to not have to "reinvent the wheel" every year.
- Empower CAC members to make the changes they want to see in special education.

The changes we are trying to make are very big. We want to hear from you before we include some of these changes in our final draft. In brief, here are some of the largest changes we are considering.

- Making our own simplified set of rules for our meetings that would replace the use of Robert's Rules.
- Continuing the business of the CAC through the summer months to ensure the CAC's work is accomplished and ensure an easy transition from one year's membership to the next year's membership.
- Creating stronger incentives to encourage active participation, including mandatory trainings for all new members.
- Ensuring CAC members take an active role in choosing new CAC members each year.
- Creating specified standing committees to expand the role of the CAC beyond the bare minimum required under the statutes that created it.

In order to empower CAC members to take a more active role, we decided to do the following:

- In March, we will hold an extra meeting at which we invite members to debate and vote on the substance of the changes we are proposing. This would not be a vote on the language of the bylaws.
- In April, we will present the draft bylaws to the CAC in another extra meeting. At this meeting, you will be voting the final (or mostly final) language up or down.

We really want to hear from you. Please, write to Ariel Harman-Holmes at ariel.harman@gmail.com with any suggestions you have for bylaws now, before it's too late to give your suggestions due consideration. Please come to our ad-hoc committee meetings, the information for which is sent to the entire CAC membership. Please clear your calendars to ensure you can participate in the two extra by-laws meetings in March and April. You can make the CAC better just by making your voice heard.