

Meeting Date: February 17, 2021  
Chairperson's Name: Lisa Mosko

**Meetings/Trainings attended:**

02/05/2021 CAC Officer Agenda Planning Meeting  
02/08/2021 By Laws Ad Hoc Committee

Dear Membership:

Good afternoon, everyone! Today we will be welcoming a presentation from the District Office of Transition Services. Many of us have worried about how students who are transitioning this year will be impacted by school closures. I am hoping this presentation will be an opportunity to give further input to the DOTS team on how to best support our students with (dis)abilities who are transitioning this year.

We will also be receiving a presentation by the Division of Special Education on data culled from the Special Education Hotline, previously known as the Complaint Response Unit. It goes without saying that clear, transparent and consistent data reports are instrumental in gauging the success of our special education programs and more importantly, their implementation. I hope we may have a thoughtful discussion about the data provided, what it tells us, and how we may keep pushing for better supports for our kids.

Speaking about better supports for our kids, I want to remind everyone that according to the Los Angeles County Department of Health, up to 25% of any school's population of high needs kids may be offered in person supports, assessments and services on campus. Other nearby school districts and SELPAs have provided this option, however, as I write this report, LAUSD still has not. If this is an option that you think students with (dis)abilities should have, please let LAUSD leadership know!

Also, I will be presenting on behalf of the CAC at the next Committee of the Whole to the LAUSD School Board on Feb. 23. Going forward, we will have an opportunity to present our comments at every C.O.W. meeting. All of your comments from our last meeting and from this meeting are being compiled to present to the LAUSD School Board.

I wanted to give a shout out to the many members of the public at our last meeting, and look forward to seeing more today. I want to clarify to our non members that the Community Advisory Committee is mandated by CA state law and is composed of various stakeholders in the special education community to advise the LAUSD School Board, Superintendent and the Division of Special Education on the Special Education Local Plan. Committee members, as per state law, must be selected and approved by the school board. Selection is done through a double blind application process, and membership demands a certain level of responsibility in terms of attendance, commitment and conduct. As per the Brown Act, our meetings are held publicly, and only committee members may vote on issues and collectively give input to the school board and administrators. Because of this, and for the sake of running an efficient committee meeting, the chat and comments given directly during the meeting to our board members and leaders from the Division of Special Education can only be from our committee members.

That said, we also are here to represent the public, and I welcome input! My email is: [moskolisa@gmail.com](mailto:moskolisa@gmail.com). Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any comments that pertain to the successful programming and implementation of special education in LAUSD. I know also that PCS is working to create a way for non committee members to provide input to the CAC, and will be providing updates on this soon. I will also say that any stakeholder in special education in LAUSD can also write their board members and district leadership with their comments, or speak at the LAUSD School Board, or here, at CAC meeting, in our public comment. Lastly, we are opening up the application process again soon, and I encourage all interested parties to apply.

I am also so glad to welcome our newest LAUSD Board Member, Tanya Ortiz Franklin, representing Board District 7 at our meeting today. Also joining us today is Dr. Didi Watts, her chief of staff. It is important to note that Dr. Watts has a strong background in special education, and for this reason, am especially glad she was able to join us today.

Also, before we move ahead with the meeting, a couple of reminders: we haven't seen many of you at our ad hoc committees or Parent Ambassador Working group. I know that the team at PCS have emailed you the calendar invites and Zoom links, and urge you to attend. The By Laws ad hoc

committee in particular is making decisions that will impact the way the CAC is run in a very meaningful way. I encourage all of you to try to make the time to engage in these committees.

Thank you, and let's get to work!

Sincerely,

Lisa Mosko