

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3 rd vote required)
Add a new subcategory under, Quality Education, p. 330 To read:

Advocating During the IEP Process

CTA believes educational personnel are advocates for students during the IEP process. The IEP team must document the input of all participants and record their comments within the IEP.

MAJOR POLICY - First or Second Reading
There were no actions for first or second reading.

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

None

MATTERS PENDING

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Committee reviewed and provided recommendations on Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Accessibility and Accommodations Framework Draft.
2. Committee reviewed and provided recommendations on Math Common Core Framework.
3. Committee reviewed CTA Policy on advocating during the IEP process. Unanimously voted for immediate action on recommended policy changes.
4. Committee reviewed Special Education recommendations of Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel (TAP).
5. Carole McNair, SEC Legislative Chair, shared information on SB367, AB455, SB368, and AB420. The committee reviewed Special Education Coalition of SELPA Directors' positions.
6. Jennifer Moon, SEC Vice-Chair, reported on online release of Smarter Balanced practice test. www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test/

7. Barbara Schulman, SEC Chair, reported on The Teacher Evaluation Workgroup. The committee reviewed the Teacher Evaluation Workgroup's working draft of concepts and provided opportunity for comment.
8. The committee reviewed the eight focus areas of long-term strategic planning. Members provided input on focus areas.
9. The Committee received a report from legislative advocate, Isabelle Garcia, regarding the Sacramento scene, in particular, AB420, amended to maintain teacher right to suspend a student from class.
10. The Committee received reports from liaisons:
 - CTA Board**, Tyrone Cabell; provided cake and drinks to celebrate committee's hard work and accomplishments. Shared successes from Lobby Day last week. Reported on coming evening events. Shared restructuring of State Council schedule.
 - California Speech, Language and Hearing (CSHA)**, Trina Brown; Task Force established for marketing CSHA. Looking at partnership with CTA.
 - Organization for Special Educators (CARS+)**, Alan Rawlins, encouraged SEC members to become members of CARS. Annual convention will be held Feb 28- March 1 and presenters are being sought, respond by June 15 (www.carsplus.org). "Overview of Special Education in California" can be found at www.lao.ca.gov.
 - Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE)**, Kelly Connell Sandler and Rebekah Acord, provided correct link to public comments on Title V regs, www.cde.ca.gov/re/r/rr. Commission is developing legislative platform.
 - California School Psychologists Association (CASP)**, Josie Meza Malik; Working on mental health services being moved to school sites – how psychologists will provide those services. (www.casponline.org).
 - Communities of Practice on Secondary Transition (COP)**, Ed Amundson, COP working on producing different levels of Certificates of Completion. COP is also developing language supporting a change in Indicator 14 from a survey to a sample. Information was shared about Communities of Practice.
11. Elections conducted for office of Recorder: Pamela Greenhalgh re-elected.
Elections conducted for office of Vice-Chair: Jennifer Moon re-elected.
Elections conducted for office of Chair: Barbara Schulman re-elected.