



**NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
(NMCASE)
July 24, 2012
Albuquerque, NM**

NMCASE Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: President Theresa Griffin-Golden 4:02 pm

Agenda was approved: Trisha Bergin-Lytton 1st – Jerry Reeder 2nd

Introductions and Announcements:

- Introductions were made
- NMCASE Maggie Cordova Administrator of the Year Recipient: Maria Jaramillo, Executive Director, Central Regional Education Cooperative (C-REC)
- It was moved by Teresa Carmack and seconded by Jerry Reeder to elect Phil Valdez from Farmington as the Membership Chair – motion approved

Officers for 2014-2015:

President: Theresa Griffin-Golden
President-Elect: Jerry Reeder
Secretary: Shelley Baquet
Membership Chair: Phil Valdez
Treasurer: Teresa Carmack
Legislative Representative: Sonia Lawson
Past President: Diane Sandoval

Updates:

- NMCEL: Cuddy & McCarthy Law Firm representative, David Rictor, presented for NMCASE
- NMCEL Executive Board Meetings – very valuable – need to make sure NMCASE continues to be a participant – Legislative Platform is very important
- LFC/LESC joint meeting on Aug. 25-27 in Las Vegas
- LESC Meeting on Sept. 22-23 in Hobbs
- NMCEL/CES Symposium on Oct. 21 in Albuquerque
- Webpage: www.nmcas.org by Diane Vallejos from Belen – Thanks Diane!
- President-Elect, Jerry Reeder, will transition to the President effective July 2015
 - CASE Conference on Oct. 28-29 in Atlanta, Georgia
 - NMCEL Summer Board Retreat on June 1-2 in Elephant Butte, NM
- Legislative update: MOE biggest issue – meeting in June – passed that they would have to pay 16 million back into the SEG. Sonia has details that will be sent out to the membership
- NMCASE Annual Report submitted June 2014 by Theresa Griffin-Golden

Discussion Items:

- Talking Communities – we need to renew if we want to continue using talking communities
- Collaboration with SEB and REC IX – New SPED Directors' Academy coming up – suggested topics included:
 - K-3+ and ESY Relationship
 - Early Childhood – Transition Part C to B
 - Defining accommodations and modifications and the basics of writing goals and present levels of performance
 - Budget 101: FTEs, MOE, IDEA, GO, Related Services
 - Autism Project – 11 considerations for IEPs
 - Instead of New Directors – invite all directors based on topics to be presented on the first day
 - STARS 101
 - Preparing for the PARC
 - Agenda in advance to be able to pick and choose who to send – Concerns were expressed about the agenda not being available until the last minute. Concerns were also expressed on the limitations on who can attend. It was felt that districts should be able to decide who should attend, and the training should be open to all. There was also a suggestion that strands be available to increase participation and differentiate the PD available. BIE schools are also interested in being able to participate.
- NM TEACH Group D – Matt Montano asked Maria Jaramillo to establish a work group to determine how related services could be included in the evaluation process. There is a category for therapeutic specialist for direct service within the Danielson Framework. Strong has built on this work to include all related services. The work group provided recommendations, but no feedback has been provided yet. However, PED still contends that Group D will be included this year.
- Membership update – 61 CEC 7 FOC = 68 for last year – 61 CEC 8 FOC = 69 for this year – membership is steady and strong. IDEA funds can be used for membership. CEC membership is \$117 plus \$60 for CASE: www.cec.sped.org. Differences in membership were reviewed. Please contact Phil Valdez at pvaldez@fms.k12.nm.us for more information.
- Treasurer Report – Teresa Carmack: Current Balance \$21,586.49. We may want to think about how we might want to spend our money since we do have a healthy cash balance – one idea was a scholarship for a student with disabilities.

Action Items:

- Approved Minutes from January 9, 2014 – Trisha Bergin-Lyton 1st and Sonia Lawson 2nd
- Approved Membership Report – Phil Hahn 1st and Denise Sanchez 2nd
- Approved Treasurer's Report – Denise Sanchez 1st and Sonia Lawson 2nd
- Approved Renewal of Talking Communities – Phil Hahn 1st and Trisha Bergin-Lyton 2nd

Next Meeting will be in conjunction with the NMPED SPED Directors' Academy – dates to be determined

Adjourned Meeting at 5:15: Sonia Lawson 1st and Trisha Bergin-Lytton 2nd