

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm
Location - SMMUSD District Office (1717 4th street, Santa Monica)

Attendees

Jamie Angues	Jerry Seiner (SEDAC Member)
Jennifer Glazer	Connie Gregory (SEDAC Member)
Alejandra Perez	Gina Hope (SEDAC Co-Chair)
Laura Hernandez	Victoria Hurst (Special Ed Coordinator; SEDAC Co-Chair)
Diana Maruri	Payal Maniar (SEDAC Member)
Ottmar Benavides	Hilda Solas (Special Ed Coordinator)
Antonio Shelton (Superintendent)	Grace Lanzetta (SEDAC Member)
Jennifer Smith (School Board Member)	

Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INITIAL COMMENTS - Gina Hope called the meeting to order at 7:15. Each person in attendance was introduced
- II. SEDAC Secretary (10 minutes) - Gina Hope informed the committee of the need for a secretary. No secretary was selected. This will be discussed again at an upcoming meeting
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members & Public (5 minutes) - Laura Hernandez and Diana Maruri expressed the need for translation of the agenda and translation services at the meeting.
- IV. UPDATE: Special Education Department - Victoria Hurst (20 minutes) - Victoria Hurst gave a programmatic update - 2 trainings for teachers held (collaborative training, special-ed training); opened 2 TK classrooms; 1 open special education teacher vacancy; 55 para vacancies, 98% of para vacancies are covered by agency; all schools have related services staffed; continued efforts to develop services plan to address disproportionality of Latin/Latina student in special education for Specific Learning Disability as mandated by the state. Dr. Antonio Shelton - Addressed the loss of Deanna Sinfeld to the Selpa; will be making a decision quickly on the replacement of Director of Special Education to ensure continuity.
- V. UPDATE: Board Liaison Jon Kean or Jennifer Smith (10 minutes) - Jenn Smith reported there has been no significant board business since the start of the school year.

VI. Discussion

- A. Ad-hoc Committee Assignment of Charges for 2023-24 school year (20 minutes)
- Gina Hope led a discussion to assign ad-hoc committee members to each charge. Not all members were in attendance. This will be included in the next agenda as well.

1. Transition support: Continue work on transitions with a focus on transitions into the workforce, student and parent transition preparation.
Jerry Seiner (Chair)
2. Fostering Student Independence: Explore ways to promote student independence in special education
Open (Chair), Payal Maniar, Gina Hope
3. Human Development Education: Work with Special Education to adapt selected program for middle and elementary students
Grace Lanzetta (Co-Chair), Connie Gregory (Co-Chair), Payal Maniar
4. Communications Structure Review: Conduct a review of the Special Education website pages and recommend organizational changes
Open (Chair), Payal Maniar, Jerry Seiner

- B. Discuss possible SEDAC speakers for 2023-24 school year (15 minutes) - Gina Hope asked for input into possible SEDAC Speakers. Jerry Seiner requested collaborative classes and associated training as a speaker topic. Payal Maniar requested para-professional training and how training is executed.

- VII. COMMENTS: Members & Public (5 minutes) - Jamie Angus shared comments and questions around the transfer of records between school sites. She was particularly interested in the transfer of medical records. Laura Hernandez shared concerns about her 9th grade children's lunch experience and challenges getting in the lunch line. Diana Maruri shared her concerns with how communications go out to the community; she feels meetings should have more notice; she has concerns about the working group structure and representation related to disproportionality; she feels the district should support the community, discuss inclusion and provide resources; she said there should be more docs available to parents including iep process and who to ask

- VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm