

## SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee

October 11, 2022, 6:30pm Via ZOOM

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Deanna Sinfield, Gina Hope (Chair), Jennifer Glazer, Meredith Feldman, Laura Leib, Julie Ginsberg, Jon Kean, Hilda Salas (staff), Denise O'Connor, DeAnne Ozaki, Grace Lanzetta, Gerald Seiner, Jen Smith, Angela D. Scott

Absent: Payal Manier

Spanish Translation available: Marie Franceschi

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Gina Hope, Chair.
2. Announcements: Members & Public
  - o Member - Meredith Feldman announced: there is a 3-part training through the SELPA November 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, "Supporting Parents Through the IEP Process."
  - o Member Julie Ginsberg announced community playdate. Will be sent out through the Special Needs Network.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 2022 - Minutes approved by Deanna Sinfield, Meredith Feldman and Grace Lanzetta
4. Special Education Chair update: Special Education Director Deanna Sinfield
  - o Met with Tom Whaley about electives – Deanna will be meeting with music, art and drama teachers to provide training and guidance on inclusivity.
  - o Sex Education – Deanna looked at current curriculum and also other curriculum, as well as the information from UC Lend. Solicited feedback from teachers in upper elementary, middle and high school, with a focus on life skills and intensive programs. Some SAI students may be pulled into any specialized programs. Will share various curriculum with Human Development Education SEDAC committee for feedback.
  - o Paraprofessional training – Creating a short video interviewing SMMUSD paraprofessionals to explain what paraprofessionals do to support students.
  - o Currently there are approximately 6 new due process cases, and 2CDE complaints. (CDE- California Department of Education).
  - o Question raised by DeAnn Ozaki: When John Muir was closed were Special Education students offered opportunities at only one location. Deanna explained the need to identify a new location for the intensive program, as this was a planned closure. The location was Will Rogers. If students were in the SAI program there were many options.
5. School Board Update: Board Liaison Jon Kean and Jennifer Smith shared update
  - o Jen Smith attended the Special Needs Network meeting (Bagels and Coffee) – and shared that she learned about new resources and that there was a strong level of support among the parents there.
  - o SEDAC charges were approved in the last school board meeting.
6. Update DEI Meeting– Jon shared that this committee has not met this year, and he will raise this issue with Dr. Drati. Member DeAnne Ozaki asked about special needs representation on this committee.

7. Discussion

- Members discussed assignment to respective committees. Gina to share out a summary document with the committee assigned to each charge as well as the Chair.
  1. Transition Support - Julie Ginsberg, Jenn Glazer, Angela Scott, Gerald Seiner (Chair), Grace Lanzetta, DeAnne Ozaki
  2. Communications Structure Review- Gerald Seiner (Co-Chair), Laura Leib (Co-Chair)
  3. Social Justice (3 subcommittees)
    - Electives - Payal Maniar (Chair), Gina Hope, Denise O'Connor
    - PTSA Representation and Support- Julie Ginsberg (Chair), Gerald Seiner, DeAnne Ozaki
    - SMMUSD Diversity Equity and Support – Gina Hope, Meredith Feldman (Chair), Angela Scott
  4. Human Development Education - Grace Lanzetta (Chair), Payal Maniar, Connie Gregory
- Next steps: Each charge was briefly reviewed for any initial feedback. Committees will meet and review tentative goals/objectives and revise based on feasibility and priorities. Gina Hope (Chair) will share summary of current charges/objectives.

8. Comments – Members & Public – there were no public comments.

9. Meeting was adjourned by Gina Hope (Chair) at 7:48.