

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee

November 15, 2022, 6:30pm Via ZOOM

Minutes

Attendees:

Deanna Sinfield, Gina Hope (Chair), Jennifer Glazer, Meredith Feldman, Laura Leib, Jon Kean, Denise O'Connor, Gerald Seiner, Jen Smith, Payal Manier, Connie Gregory

Absent: Julie Ginsberg, DeAnne Ozaki, Grace Lanzetta, Angela D. Scott

Spanish Translation available: Marie Franceschi

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:37 by Gina Hope, Chair.
2. Initial Comment: Gina Hope – next month we will have an update on all charges so that we are clear on our deliverables.
3. Announcements: Members & Public
 - No comments.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 2022 - Minutes approved.
5. Special Education Chair update: Special Education Director Deanna Sinfield
 - Elective training is underway: Deanna Sinfield provided inclusion training to music teachers throughout the district since our last meeting.
 - February 2023 planning a training for VAPA, coordinating with Tom Whaley
 - Transition team (ad hoc committee from last year) - provided information to be included in the website (provided uploads) they are all translated into Spanish. Figuring out how best to include in the SMMUSD website.
 - Restarting a paraprofessional newsletter.
 - First transition meeting with middle school and high school key stakeholders so can look at the schedule and start planning for next year's 2023 –2024 transition.
 - Speech pathologists – there is still a vacancy in Malibu, but hopefully this will be resolved shortly.
 - Ordering "touch math" for elementary school. Ordering Lexercise for the middle school.
6. School Board Update: Board Liaison Jon Kean and Jennifer Smith shared update
 - Jen Smith – asked Deanna Sinfield a question about the DEI Committee (school). Deanna is involved in that committee and representing inclusion/neurodiversity in this space. The group currently includes teachers, administrators, classified staff – will ultimately bring in more community members starting with staff.
 - Election – new school board members elected: Laurie Lieberman, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Alicia Mignano, Stacey Rouse.
 - Calkids – available for families who are income eligible. State sponsored college savings account. How to share this information within the District to ensure families who qualify are aware of this benefit.
 - Restorative Justice training - Jennifer attended a training on restorative justice (level 1) and they are hoping to bring this training to parents through the PTA.
 - Shared information about the District Fentanyl presentation and also shared information about NARCAN. This was a presentation to raise awareness.

- Muir/Smash plans – is on the agenda for Thursday School Board meeting. Plan is that when reopened, it will be a neighborhood school.

7. Discussion

- Charge updates
 - Communications Structure Review- Laura Leib/Gerry Steiner met with Deanna Sinfield. Beginning with identifying all of the information available to ensure that information is available to those who need it. Also met with Gail Pinsker – discussed how to ensure that the information is shared in the best way on Aries.
 - Transitions Support – met and are looking at high school transitions program for transition age students. Meeting with families with the program – get some feedback, pay forward within group. Currently in research mode and plan to provide a list of tips and tricks for parents and students.
 - Social Justice (3 subcommittees)
 - *Electives* –Gina met with Deanna on this. Some of the work is already being done. Training/tips already being done (inclusion trainings). Also, making a plan to share more information about class experience, so parents/students have more information to make the best decision.
 - *PTSA counsel/DEI* - this is a districtwide committee and they attended the meeting.
 - SMMUSD Diversity Equity and Support –this committee did not meet
 - Human Development Education - Grace Lanzetta (Chair), Payal Maniar, Connie Gregory. They are going to try and provide a training next year that is at a different level - perhaps more accessible. Deanna Sinfield sent out various curriculum to the committee for review.

8. Comments – Members & Public

- Next meeting is 12/13/22

9. Meeting was adjourned by Gina Hope (Chair) at 7:55