

Special Education District Advisory Committee Meeting
Santa Monica – Malibu Unified School District

Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2019 6:30 to 8:30 PM
DISTRICT OFFICE – BOARD ROOM (2ND Floor)

- I. CALL TO ORDER & INITIAL COMMENTS: 6:34 adjourn 8:33
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members & Public:
- III. UPDATE: Special Education Director
 - Getting a supplemental check for preschool \$, also getting special Ed \$ from the state
 - Due process filings are up across the state
 - “special ed welcome letter” going to families before school starts: shows all people that could be working with your kid on site
 - Focusing on repurposing what we have to make sure we can make strides where we need to, Looking at best practices
 - Putting together a handbook; no definitive time line but Deanna wants to send a list of suggested best practices to sites
 - Shifting culture and ideas is hard, will take time
 - Classroom pivotal response training is going great
 - Circle of friends: has started at SAMOHI, 3 other trainings in work, SEDAC - how can we get trained?
 - Looking at collaborative classes and how to make them better in Middle and HS;
 - Deanna presenting to the school board in March: can include testimonials of success stories. Share stories at Feb meeting.
- IV. UPDATE: BOARD LIAISON Jon Kean
 - Dr. Drati starting next week to assess structural deficits: budget advisory committee
 - EOM public art process 1/30 presentation 7:00 pm SMC about public part in SM “ Mural Arts” largest public art org in the USA. Muralarts.org: 1/30 event, 1/31, 2/1: what to do with the public art space; process for community involvement
 - Jon Kean new school board president
 - **Sue Sumarsh: need to follow up and get her to attend SEDAC**
 - Legal expenses in the district are triple in 5 years
 - Considering diversifying school sites by Special Ed specialty or need
 - Listening tour at each site: have to hear from parents before changes are rolled out, also working with the staff members to see what they need
 - **Meet the teacher night before school starts: spec ed kids need it, Deanna to talk to principals to see what is possible.** Need 30 mins, 1 hour, teach them how to do the locker in middle school, needs to be more than get your stuff day; Or a 30 min window before the gen ed kids get there.
 - **Get your stuff days are PTA driven events, suggestion to work with PTA council to get early access**

- Special ed back to school night; less overwhelming, focused on those families, meet the staff- **Deanna to further investigate on what is possible for dedicated time before gen ed**

V. DISCUSSION: 2019-20 Charges

- a. Charge 1: Parent Portal
- b. Charge 2: Transition Plan
- c. New Charges for 2019-20 School Year: communications calendar; information architecture
 1. What do we want to see: put on a google doc, organize assets
 2. **Payal to set up google doc folder**
 1. Website materials
 2. Recourses for portal
 3. Transition
 4. Parent ed
 5. PRN: log of questions asked/ conversations logged by PRN rep, keep as confidential as possible, track themes
 6. Site specific folders: some items can be tagged to appear in multiple folders
 7. Books/ resources for parents: suggested books on special ed:

VI. DISCUSSION: OTHER OPEN ITEMS:

- a. PRN update: turning into site specific spec ed support groups?
- b. District-wide Parent Events:
 1. Translate all materials into Spanish, need to send to Deanna min a week in advance.
 2. Malibu special ed foundation; is there a SM spec ed foundation?
 3. Director's letter: include testimonials from parents on success stories, best practices- educating mainstream families on inclusion
 4. Feedback session in the spring: breakout groups by need to suggest changes: need 8 weeks notice to schedule at 8:45 am
 5. Special Ed sex ed: separate boys and girls for Elementary and Middle School; UCLA lend group Bobby Verdugo; Deana has a girl specialist

VII. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- No new school parent orientation after the beginning of school; need for BTS nights in Jan or at least a parent welcome- need a touch point

The SEDAC meetings for the school year 2019- 2020 are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at the Office Board Room. Upcoming 2 Meetings: 2/4/20 and 3/3/20If you will require accommodation to participate in the DAC meeting, please notify the Special Education Office at (310) 450-8338, ext. 70210, at least two business days prior to the meeting.