

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10th, 9:30 am

Attendees

Victoria Hurst (Director of Special Ed), Jerry Seiner (SEDAC Member), Connie Gregory (SEDAC Chair), Lily Ablon (SEDAC Member), Deanne Ozaki (SEDAC Member), Julie Ginsberg (SEDAC Member), Alicia Mignano (Board Member), Hilda Hernandez (community member), Crystal Tapia (community member), Pedro Tapia (community member), Farah Swan (community member)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - Connie Gregory called the meeting to order at 9:43am.
- II. Announcements (members and public) - Had first Coffee & Bagels for SM Special Needs Network. Great feedback. 60 member are now part of the Trusted Village WhatsApp community.
- III. Director Update - Had a good first month of school. Hiring: filled position - TK Collab at Franklin (agency hire); still have 3 openings (Malibu Elem, Malibu HS, JAMS) - all are covered by substitutes. District Level: 4th coordinator started (Melody Johnson), working with preschool and TK programs, Malibu Elementary, Webster Elementary, and NPS and residential. Hired 3rd BCBA (Robel Brooke), covers Franklin, Grant, Lincoln, and some preschools. Next parent workshop is 10/24 at 9:30am - Special Ed 101. Doing a training for secondary education teachers who co-teach (both gen ed and special ed) - at Lincoln, JAMS, and SAMO. Next PRN meeting is 10/22 at 9:30. Have several new PRN members, still searching for Webster and Olympic. Supporting new staff on how to do progress reports, in preparation for parent teacher conferences.
- IV. Board Update - There is a school board meeting tonight. Topics: Malibu unification discussion. Alicia got to see the TK classes at Roosevelt. Will go support Laura Hernandez - she has a coffee for Spanish speaking parents at JAMS on 10/11. Have an election coming up 11/5. District has put out a report on project list needs (e.g., AC in SAMO buildings); need Measure QS to be passed to get the money. Format of board of education meetings currently need to be in person, in order to follow the Brown Act requirements. If there is a request to meet virtually (e.g., via Zoom), the format would need to change to follow the Superintendent's Committee requirements. Update on phones in school: there is a task force created of parents and educators. There will be a survey of students in middle school. If interested in being on the taskforce, email Alicia to learn more.

V. Charge Updates -

All charges have been approved

Request for Payal to move to Alternative Pathway to Diploma charge, and Laura Hernandez be on Discipline charge. Adding Adrianne to the Alternative Pathway to Diploma charge. Chairs voted on and approved.

- Understanding the role of Para-Educators in Special Education - (Lily [chair], Denise, Connie, Grace)
- Discipline and Restorative Practices in Special Education - (Denise, Deanne [chair], Laura, Julie)
- Study the new Alternative Pathway for Diploma - (Payal, Jerry [chair], Grace, Adrianne)

VI. Approve minutes - next month will approve September 2024 and October 2024

VII. Suggestions for speakers at SEDAC meetings: Dr Dessan (new director of student services, working on discipline, works on 504s); Instructional coaches in charge of literacy or Gina Kettle (e.g., how to support our kids with reading or writing); BCBAs

VIII. Comments (members and public)

- Hilda: what is the best way to improve communication at the HS level for special ed?
- Farrah: very concerned about paraeducation: how can parent meet with paras? Can I meet with them to know how student is doing? E.g., got a new para this year who doesn't know son: and parent wants to be able to share information about kid with para to know how they are, likes, dislikes, etc.
- Crystal and Pedro: how can we improve transportation communication with parents. E.g., daughter (kinder) was dropped off 40 minutes after she was supposed to be home. This was concerning to parents. Disrupted routine, and disrupted afternoon activities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31am

TEMPLATE

Minutes

- IX. Call to Order and Initial Comments - Victoria Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:40am.
- X. Announcements (members and public)
- XI. Director Update -.
- XII. Board Update -
- XIII. Charge Updates -
 - Understanding the role of Para-Educators in Special Education -
 - Discipline and Restorative Practices in Special Education -
 - Study the new Alternative Pathway for Diploma -
- XIV. Approve minutes - September 2024
- XV. Comments (members and public)
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Meeting adjourned at