

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 5th, 9:30 am

Attendees

Victoria Hurst (Director of Special Ed), Alicia Mignano (School Board Member), Jon Kean (School Board Member), Brenda Clark (Coordinator), Hilda Salas (Special ED), DeAnne Ozaki (SEDAC Member), Julie Ginsberg (SEDAC Member) Payal Maniar (Acting Chair) , Jerry Seiner (SEDAC Member), and Grace Lanzetta (SEDAC Chair), Connie Gregory (SEDAC Chair) Denise O'connor (SEDAC Member, Lily Ablon (SEDAC Member) Laura Hernandez (SEDAC Member).

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - Victoria Hurst called the meeting to order at 9:40am.
- II. Director Update - Summer School went well. There was a carnival for elementary school students and a food festival for high school students. We hired 30 new staff members. 3 teachers resigned at the start of school. We have 5 total vacancies. We hired a new Assistant Director of Special Education and a third BCBA support staff member. PRN restarting with a meeting on 9/10 at Payal's house. UCLA's sexual education program is restarting. The Joy Foundation event is happening. The UCLA sports event went great. Eight classes for Lincoln and Samohi went to the event. Athletes were fantastic and have offered to do a program at Samohi in the future.
- III. Board Update - Jon Kean - Back to school events are happening. Staff hiring is an ongoing issue. Looking for HR exit interviews to explain why staff are leaving SMMUSD. We only have two bus drivers in the district for Malibu so we are outsourcing the transportation.
- IV. Charge Updates -

Old Charges

- Fostering Independence- Stalled.
- Transition Support- Documents are up to date and complete. See: <https://www.smmusd.org/Page/7022>
- Communication- Elements of it have been updated. Victoria created a monthly newsletter. Website still needs updating.
- Human Development- UCLA title 10 initiative. Public Health educators are helping for moderate to severe programs at Lincoln and Samohi for 22 weeks. Malibu has an abridged version of 10 weeks. Program will start at the end of September. They'll do a parent workshop soon. PACE Lab for alternative diploma track. Additional programming being purchased.

New Charges

- Understanding the role of Para-Educators in Special Education- Building morale and educating para-educators. Teach parents what para-educators can and can't do.
- Discipline and Restorative Practices in Special Education- 2% of Special Education children were getting suspended. Parents had concerns about the process. Understanding policies and collecting data are the goals. When is restorative justice used and can Special Education students access it. Bring in new lead of student services.
- Study the new Alternative Pathway for Diploma- Get kids more successful and figure out the pathway. Board has has to approve charges.

Assignments for New Charges

- Para-Educator Charge- Grace, Connie, Denise and Lily
- Discipline- DeAnne, Denise, Payal and Julie
- Diploma Charge- Jerry, Grace and Laura

Meeting adjourned at 10:46am