

**SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:30pm**

**Via**

**ZOOM:** <https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/7316602466?pwd=RIQ4Y1l4aVluaThjd1lROGlhNldMZz09>

- I. CALL TO ORDER & NEW MEMBER WELCOME & INITIAL COMMENTS
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members & Public
- III. UPDATE: Special Education Director Deanna Sinfield
  - A. Back to School Progress
  - B. Collaborating K Pilot learnings and future planning
  - C. Summer Planning Progress
  - D. Other updates
- IV. UPDATE: Board Liaison Jon Kean or Jen Smith
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Board Liasons: Negotiations have happened with Teacher's Union for kids coming back to campus March 15th. Elementary K-5 only. There is a concern about equity and access to curriculum for all learners. Trying to build as quickly and best as they can. Some additional funding is coming in from the California Governor's office, 6.6 Million dollars. We hope for 1M for Santa Monica. This money would be for returning to school efforts.

Member: *Are we still trying to have all teacher's vaccinated?*

Board: They must have access to the vaccines for two weeks before return to campus. If we can have K-5 staff vaccinated within the next two weeks, we feel that is a good measure of safety, even if the teachers have the first dose.

Board: Some national Organizations are saying that vaccines are not needed for return. That child to adult transmission is very rare.

Dept: We believe that the kids that have been on campus are doing better behaviorally so far, as they have been part of smaller programs with smaller attendance.

Member: *What is the plan for student lunch and school reopenings?*

Board: Current plan is to have different shaped tables that indicate if the table can seat 1 or 2+ children. Everything must be packaged.

Dept: As for restrooms. There are standards from the Board of Health. Such as every other sink taped off and unused in each bathroom.

Board: Everything must be transparent and follow CDC guidelines. There may even be a Hotline to call if someone sees something unsafe.

Dept: Would love to have Summer school. 3-5 days a week.

Board: We have a lot of access to federal and state funds for a great Summer school. Not just academic but social emotional.

Dept: We may have more summer school numbers this year. They will try more teacher recruitment for this. May have to offer more special reading groups etc. Considering having our own campus for summer school. Would like to have mostly in person but also offer online option.

Member: *Any idea on timing for re-openings?*

Board: There is a deadline before spring break so that we can conceptualize numbers.

Member: *Are we looking for any specific sites for summer school?*

Dept: McKinley is an option. Looking at our larger schools so that there are enough classes to be well spaced.

Discussion of "Lesson Share:" There has been a special ed planning meeting for teachers and parents. Shared folders have been built where teachers could place their best lessons and share, and help build camaraderie. After Deanna built the first folders, teachers have already been contributing. Concept is called "lesson share" and the teacher's are already using it. Discussion of special ed math curriculum and lesson share. There is a call to all teachers so that all students have grade level texts and buy supplementary materials. Currently, special ed teachers seem to be working very together during Covid.

#### I. FOR DISCUSSION/ PROGRESS UPDATES:

##### A. Follow-up from discussion with Dr. Satinder

A few members sent information to Dr. Satinder. Noone had anything additional to contribute to the previous conversation.

Staff/ Teacher Training on unconscious bias re/disabilities

Dept: Last presentation we discussed the need to visit Social Justice and promote disability among general ed.

Member: Reminder that we can contribute curriculums or ready made lesson plans to Dr. Satinder. This was shared with Dr. Satinder, this must be followed up. In preparation for October Disabilities awareness month.

Member: We had decided to also contribute teacher names of those we felt would join Dr. Satinder's Cohorts.

- A. Parent Resource Network
- B. Parent and Student Sex Education

Dept: We need dates for the UC-Lend Special Ed from SEDAC, considering after spring break. Sex education Sub-Committee (Jen Glazer, Meredith Feldman and Grace Lanzetta) came up with topics that we would like covered.

Member: If the District already has a curriculum, will the UCLend act as a supplement?

Dept: UCLend has doctors that have extensive experience in these topics. Social workers can step in on the psychology side.

They will provide what they will or will not cover and families can opt-in and opt-out. They will cover topics but children are welcome to ask questions.

Member: They are also Piloting some of this curriculum with us. We are having professional resources at no cost.

Dept: If we can rank what we want covered during the presentations we can help refine the curriculum.

Member: We can begin with easy topics like hygiene and development.

#### I. COMMENTS: Members & Public

Dept: March 8th meeting and seminars for SELPA. Different topics - please look out for emails from the Board.

Board: Muir SAI students on Lincoln Pathway feel lost and not included on Muir/Lincoln transition. Santa Monica Sib Shop has launched. Grace Lanzetta Facilitator of SibShop. Deanna has welcomed to publicly announce Sibshop dates.

April 20th for next SEDAC meeting date.

Meeting end time: 7:52pm.