

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 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
 - We got 2 MOU's signed today. Transition program coming back next Thursday (Nov 19th) for 18-22 year olds. Preschool will start following Monday the 23rd. Preschool will go M/T/W and be online Thursdays. Transition will be Tu/Thur 9:30-12:30. They will do a lot of work-study and "jobs" on campus. Grant program will be two days a week. Muir T/W/TH one overlapping day. Preschool teachers have been willing to return.
 - District has made the mandate to bring programs back every 3-5 days. Gradually add programs if going well. I.e. Cleaning, admin on campus working well etc.
 - Next to open is Grant Social Skills, then Franklin, SAMOHI, SAI Muir Intensive, Lifeskills, PBS Programs (STEP). Then off-campus Learning Center followed by SMASH/STEP. Paras will attend.
 - The plan is to progressively open special ed until winter break then begin considering SAI students. Some will be in groups, some in individual sessions with teachers.
 - Also have students coming back in Hubs - English language learners plus IEPs. Beginning with elementary first. If they are successful, plan to open more.
 - Questions can be directed to Deanna directly. Parents will be given an expectation session. Protocols for cleaning and PPE etc. Nurses will train teachers and paras.
 - Deanna has been meeting with staff weekly.

Member asked: What about parents who want to stay at home? How may an equitable education be provided if your child stays at home and has to use tech? Does the Swivel allow all cohorts (live or at home) to learn synchronously?

Jon shared "Teachers want to stay with what is working and is safe. Trying to find the solution for the largest number of people. There is also the idea of Distance Plus : Getting kids on campus for after school activities I.e. Choir outside." "No one plans to sign off on APEX, the Board will promote real person learning. APEX has been used in the summer by the District but it has to be done right. Swivel and Owl has issues: sound issues and motion sickness from the camera moving quickly. Trying to meet the most needs and have options. We have money from the first CARES Act. Currently the District is in the Purple Phase.

- Survey data : 60% parents want to come back. As we get closer and call parents many change their mind. After gathering survey results, Deanna plans on making phone calls with families directly to clarify willingness to return. We have such low populations in Special Ed we can do in person and online at the same time. For Service Providers it is hard, they cannot run school to school and be exposed to so many children. Starting with Phase 1 families: say Yes or No. Then Phase 2 etc. Meeting with Principals on going. Families who do not want school now, will be checking back in later - perhaps Spring. Perhaps bring back more Hubs. Some School Districts post their Covid numbers everyday (I.e. Orange County), good source for parent information.
- K2 Waivers are accepted now by LA Health Dept. Kindergarten - Second grade. It does not mean that SMMUSD will have to use them or we will be approved, but has been applied.
- Recommended that 50% of school work occur outside. HVAC updated at Franklin, McKinley, Webster. HEPA Filters placed in school buildings that have not updated. Preschool parents would get a personal tour, and/or possibly a virtual tour. Parents would have an online screening tool each night to provide their child's health update. Daily temperature checks will occur at the door by teachers plus visual assessment for symptoms.
- Parents will be encouraged to stay 'within their bubbles' on off days and weekends. Schools will have sick and well areas. Parents will be asked to pick up their child within 15 minutes if discovered to be ill. Quarantine protocol will be instilled, contact tracing if Covid positive. If a child has a cold this requires a doctor's note that the child is negative. Protocols are all online.
- Deanna is fully stocking each school with exceptional PPE. No lunchtime or eating on campus. Beginning with 3 hours of school a day. She is also asking parents if they feel comfortable with Transportation.
- A member asked: When can parents be given notice about the January 5th opening expectation date? Answer: This would come from Drati's office, not Deanna. Deanna plans to send updates to parents as we progress along phases.

Other Updates:

- Lawsuits. Plan to have an update for next meeting of what has happened litigious since the fall.
- Any update on records? CDE Compliance review, scanned and uploaded. SEIS - software where we Input all of our IEP's. District getting a new data program/information system. Leaving Illuminate and moving to ERIES. Beverly Hills and Culver City also use ERIES successfully. ERIES interfaces well with SEIS, seamless. Current system takes too long and mistakes are made easily (i.e. dates often not concurrent). ERIES is a District wide change. It should be ready for next school year.

UPDATE: Board Liaison Jon Kean or Oscar De La Torre - update provided in coordination with Deanna's update. No additional comments.

FOR DISCUSSION:

2020-2021 SEDAC Charges:

Distance Learning Communication, Support and Feedback Loop

Website architecture

SEDAC members stated that we need tweaks from a user flow perspective. Jamie and Payal will confer and send a list of issues to Deanna. New Coordinator (Joseph) is tech savvy and will begin to be involved in future tech discussions.

Other...

Parent Resource Network: Updates

- Still occurring however not everyone attends. Deanna shares information so that when parents call, PRN parents have information.

Parent and Student Sex Education: update

SEDAC is looking for an educator to come to a provide a course about Special Ed and Sexuality. Grace and Julie to ask contacts at WRC and CABA.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10