

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9th, 2025, 9:30 am

Attendees: **Victoria Hurst** (Director of Special Ed), **Connie Gregory** (SEDAC Co-Chair), **Lily Ablon** (SEDAC Member), **Deanne Ozaki** (SEDAC Member), **Denise O'Connor** (SEDAC Member), **Laura Hernandez** (SEDAC Member), **Payal Maniar** (SEDAC Member), **Dr Williamson** (Assistant Supervisor of Education Services), **Monica Limon** (interpreter), **Dana Mcphall** (community member)

SEDAC members absent: **Grace Lanzetta** (SEDAC Co-Chair), **Julie Ginsberg** (SEDAC Member), **Jon Kean** (Board Member), **Alicia Mignano** (Board Member), **Adriane Ransom** (SEDAC Member),)

Guest Speakers: none

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - **Connie Gregory** called the meeting to order at Meeting started at **9:38** am.
- II. Announcements (members and public) -
 - A. NTR
- III. Special Education Director Update -
 - A. Training
 - 1. All certificated staff just received half-day training on SEIS (the IEP system)
 - 2. Have new teachers training happening - have 24 new teachers.
 - 3. Next student-free day for elementary schools (in November), is a day of training for paras. In all, paras have approx 10 full days of training, and they get ongoing monthly trainings.
 - B. Hiring
 - 1. Have all teachers hired - fully staffed!
 - C. Community Workshops and Meetings
 - 1. Parent Workshops: next workshop is on 10/21 at 8:45am. This topic will be on Special Ed 101 ("ABCs of IEPs") with Carmen Durand, special education coordination.
 - 2. Next PRN meeting on 10/14 at 9:30am
 - 3. Have Parent Academy (like a Resource Fair) on Saturday 10/18 at Lincoln, 9a-3p. There are in all approx. 20 different groups from the

community attending (e.g., fire dept., boys and girls club, SM library, etc.). Keynote speaker will be a former Roosevelt, Lincoln, and SAMO student who is now a writer. There are 3 different sessions throughout the day. All the classes are geared towards parents. Victoria and Dr Dussan will speak on 504s and IEPs. This is the 2nd year of doing this. Last year approx 60 people came, though the district is hoping for 200 people this year.

IV. Board Liaison Update (Jon Kean or Alicia Mignano) -

A. Absent

V. Charges for 2025-2026 School year -

A. Understanding the role of Para-Educators in Special Education

1. Members: Connie, Grace, Denise, Payal, Lily
2. Update: Team met and gathered FAQs from 1) SEDAC committee, 2) frequently heard from School District, 3) questions directly from the community (pulling from last year's survey data). Came up with 28-30 questions. Team answered those questions to the best of their ability, and sent them off to Victoria and Jillian for their review. Will meet again with Victoria and Jillian on 10/20 to review. The goal is to have a flyer of FAQs available for families before the district workshop.

B. Discipline and Restorative Practices in Special Education

1. Members: Deanne, Julie
2. Update: Team wants to focus on the data. Team would like data specifically on number of suspensions. E.g, broken down by grade level, and demographics (race, socioeconomic, and IEPs). Dr Williamson feedback: can pull that data, however cannot share data if there are fewer than 10 people per subgroup. It makes it more identifiable.
3. Comment: can we pull longitudinal data? Yes: can pull school year 22-23, 23-24, and 24-25 data
4. **ACTION:** Deanne to request data and see if it can be used.

C. Communications: Examining the Alternative Diploma track and ensuring communications with all educational partners

1. Members: Adriane, Payal
2. Update: Communicated with Jerry (last year's charge lead). Team would like to loop back with Victoria to get her most pressing need with this charge.

VI. Approve September 2025 minutes

A. Approved

VII. Review Previous Action Items

A. NTR

VIII. Comments (members and public)

- A. **ACTION:** request to look into where the minutes could be uploaded. Victoria can look into.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

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