

**SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 5th, 2025, 9:30 am

Attendees: **Victoria Hurst** (Director of Special Ed), **Jennifer Smith** (Board Member), **Grace Lanzetta** (SEDAC Co-Chair), **Connie Gregory** (SEDAC Co-Chair), **Julie Ginsberg** (SEDAC Member), **Payal Maniar** (SEDAC Member), **Crystal Tapia** (SEDAC Member), **Denise O'Connor** (SEDAC Member), **DeAnne Ozaki** (SEDAC Member) **Kylie Ozaki** (Member of the Public), **Carmen Duran** (Interpreter)

SEDAC members absent: **Adriane Ransom** (SEDAC Member), **Laura Hernandez** (SEDAC Member), **Lily Ablon** (SEDAC Member).

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - **Connie Gregory** called the meeting to order at 9:41am
- II. Announcements (members and public) -
 - A. Article in Samohi paper- "Accessibility issues leave Samo primed for disaster". Discussed issues on campus concerning disabled children
 - B. Selpa Fair- 30 vendors attended. Great experience for those involved. Selpa is trying to move from Culver City to Beverly Hills. Crystal will be going to represent our Selpa in Sacramento this year.
- III. Special Education Director Update -
 - A. Parent workshop on Diploma Options was held on 1/28. Next workshop is on AAC and is Feb 25th at 8:45 am.
 - B. We are working on staffing for next year, summer school, PD's at each school site. Tomorrow we head to MMS and MHS to talk about Assistive Technology for all students.
 - C. We are presenting at DELAC and FOC next week.
 - D. There has been an uptick in legal cases, but still on track for the year.
- IV. Board Liaison Update (Jennifer Smith) -
 - A. Reviewing all school policies since August.
 - B. Construction is happening all over the district.
 - C. Jennifer will discuss facility concerns mentioned in the school newspaper with campus liaison.
- V. Charges for 2025-2026 School year -

- A. Paraeducator- Documents are waiting approval to be added to the website. Victoria has requested changes to documents before they can be added. Once changed the documents will be translated and added to the district website.
 - B. Discipline- Met with Jillian Bucciero to obtain data relating to suspensions/expulsions. Trying to figure out what are the major causes for disciplinary actions. Suspensions are down overall in our district but there are still a disproportionate amount of special ed, minority and underprivileged children affected. Once the data has been analyzed they intend on meeting with Dr. Dussan.
 - C. Communications- Met with Victoria and Jillian to add documents/slides to back to school night regarding diploma track.
- VI. Approval December Minutes
 - A. Payal approved and Julie seconded with correction of PRN date. Minutes were approved with two abstentions (DeAnne and Denise)
- VII. Approval January Minutes
 - A. Grace approved and Connie seconded with correction of typos. Minutes were approved with one abstention (Payal)
- VIII. Comments (members and public)
 - A. We need to make sure that members who haven't been active this year want to remain on SEDAC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 am