

## **SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 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), (SEDAC Member), **DeAnne Ozaki** (SEDAC Member), **Lily Ablon** (SEDAC Member), **Dana McPhall** (Member of the Public)

SEDAC members absent: **Adriane Ransom** (SEDAC Member), **Laura Hernandez** (SEDAC Member), **Payal Maniar** (SEDAC Member), **Crystal Tapia** (SEDAC Member), **Denise O'Connor** (SEDAC Member)

### **Minutes**

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - **Grace Lanzetta** called the meeting to order at 9:41am
- II. Announcements (members and public) -
  - A. NTR
- III. Special Education Director Update -
  - A. Summer school is at Edison, Malibu, SaMo. Will look different this year. Have compacted special education to 3 sites. Edison (PreK-exiting 7th); Samo (exiting 8th through exiting 12th), Malibu High (all grades). Dates are June 22nd - July 17th (4 weeks).
  - B. Hiring: have 10 open positions for next year. Have had some temp teachers, and hope to hire them.
  - C. New Terminology: "metriculation meetings" when going to different schools (e..g, Prek to Elementary; Elementary to Middle; Middle to High)
  - D. Professional Development: have 4 schools left
  - E. Training: starting to work on trainings for summer and back to school
  - F. Short Term Theraputic program: Hope to open in August 2026. Victoria and Dr Dussan are the champions of this, and will present to the School Board this month. In-house day program for kids in special ed and gen ed in 6th-12th grade who need additional mental health support or who are having mental health crises. Starting with 8-10 students at a time; cycling through 8-10 weeks.
  - G. Next Parent Workshop is on March 25th, 8:45am, on Trauma Informed Care, in the district office.
- IV. Board Liaison Update (Jennifer Smith) -
  - A. Attended a meeting at Cayton Children's Museum; they have a new director and are revamping programs and want to be involved in our community. New director

is also a parent at Will Rogers. They are starting programming, eg music classes, reading groups, etc. - all are on a sliding scale to allow the majority of families who want to attend can attend. They are also giving space to preschools and TK programs in the district.

- B. Discussion of recent items regarding reading intervention specialists and program. The way the program works may be changing; won't go away, but will change to the current way education is delivered.
- V. Charges for 2025-2026 School year -
- A. Paraeducator- Have final edits on the FAQ, then it will be translated and published. The 1-pager has been translated. Victoria will find a place on the website to publish.
  - B. Discipline- Met with Jillian Bucciero - she presented great data via slide presentation. Waiting for slides from her. Once receive them, can meet with Dr Dussan and Victoria. Asked what category was most suspensions: was (1) attempted physical altercation, (2) possession of controlled substance; seeing most suspensions in High School more than middle; and all "in-school suspension" counts as a suspension.
  - C. Communications- NTR
- VI. Approval February Minutes
- A. DeAnne approved and Connie seconded with change to title after Julie's name. Minutes were approved with one abstention (Lily).
- VII. Comments (members and public)
- A. Suggestion to have a Prom Boutique event just for special ed students; perhaps parents join.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 am