

SMMUSD Special Education District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 4th, 2026, 9:30 am

Attendees: **Victoria Hurst** (Director of Special Ed), **Grace Lanzetta** (SEDAC Co-Chair), (SEDAC Member), **DeAnne Ozaki** (SEDAC Member), **Crystal Tapia** (SEDAC Member), **Payal Maniar** (SEDAC Member), **Lillian Ablon** (SEDAC Member), **Rachel Round** (member of the public), **Frank Chen** (member of the public)

SEDAC members absent: **Jennifer Smith** (Board Member), **Connie Gregory** (SEDAC Co-Chair), **Denise O'Connor** (SEDAC Member), **Julie Ginsberg** (SEDAC Member)

Minutes

- I. Call to Order and Initial Comments - **Grace Lanzetta** called the meeting to order at 9:42 am
- II. Announcements (members and public) -
 - A. NTR
- III. Special Education Director Update -
 - A. Busy wrapping up the school year with lots of fun events.
 - B. **Summer school:** June 22 - July 17. Summer school is at Edison (TK-7th), Malibu, SaMo. Victoria's office will run all of the summer schools.
 - C. **Hiring:** Have filled 11 vacancies. 15 more to go.
 - D. **Training:** End of year para-educator training will be June 12-16. Plus an additional five days in August for back to school training. End of year para training: June 12, 15, 16. PRN members helping to fund a breakfast on the 12th. Back to year school training August 13th for paras.
 - E. **Therapeutic program - STATS (short-term academic therapeutic support):** Will open September 1st.
 - F. **Retirement:** Coordinator (Carmen) is retiring.
 - G. Graduations. June 3rd was the Olympic graduation. Mon, Tues: Elementary; Weds: Middle; Thurs: High school
 - H. Board Meeting tonight honoring retirees
- IV. Board Liaison Update (Jennifer Smith) -
 - A. NTR
- V. Charges for 2025-2026 School year -
 - A. Board report is due Tuesday; June 23rd is the board meeting when they are presented.

- B. Paraeducator- Grace and Connie will do the final slide. The deliverables (1-pager overview of Paras and extended FAQ) are published to the SMMUSD website:
<https://www.smmusd.org/departments/special-education/paraeducators>
- C. Discipline / Restorative Justice- Have a 2-pager slide finished
- D. Alternate Pathway Communications- Have a 1-pager slide to send
- E. Discussion of charges for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - 1. Discipline will roll over to 2026-27
 - 2. District Neurodiversity Affirming Initiatives
 - a) Educate parents and students on the real life experiences of students with disabilities.
 - b) One charge could address parent education and another charge could research ways we can bring neurodiverse student experiences to school sites.
 - c) The district is educating staff and teachers (principals this year, and teachers next year).
 - d) Create a “kit” that then the district can push out to schools
 - 3. Working Group: recording a history of past charges, and updating any documents. (Payal, DeAnne,
- F. Recommendation for charges:
 - 1. Restorative Justice
 - 2. Educating the Community about Neurodiversity Affirming Initiatives
 - a) Parent Education about Neurodiversity Affirming Initiatives (language, inclusion, etc.)
 - b) Bringing Neurodiverse affirming experiences to school sites (perhaps have this for 2027-28 SY)
 - 3. WORKING GROUP: recording history of past SEDAC charges, and identify which past charges need to be updated (e.g., cell phone policies)

VI. Approval May 2026 Minutes

- A. Lily Ablon motioned and Payal Maniar seconded. Minutes were approved with no abstentions.

VII. Comments (members and public)

- A.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 am