

SAN JUAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
MINUTES

November 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Horne, Wendy Quinn, Alexis Brache , Julia Nattkemper, Tina Cooper, Ruth Rowlette, Lacy Bauer, Lana Wong

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthea Damore, Catherine McGough, Jacqueline Shields, Veronica Encias

SJSUD EMPLOYEES: Aaron Storey, Dee Johnston, Damon Smith

VISITORS: Kent Kern, Pam Costa

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS: 6:30 Melissa welcomed everyone and did round table introductions.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve minutes seconded.

SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION: Superintendent Kent Kern gave an overview of the state level budget. We will be getting one time money but that can be hard to spend.

The parents sent in questions in anticipation of his visit:

Q Is there more training of high school counselors to help students and parents in special ed with options after high school. I ask this question because many thought they would track into Laurel Ruff but that has changed. There are long wait lists for programs and parents and students need to know more about options. Alta adult case managers who do this don't kick in until later.

A The IEP team makes the decision regarding end point of course of study. Aaron suggests starting this conversation in the middle school years. Mr. Kern suggested POINTS along the way. Dayle Cantrall will be asked to attend the Feb 4th meeting to map out what is available.

Q Los Angeles school district filed a lawsuit to recover costs they have incurred as a result of vaping. How much money has San Juan spent as a result or because of this issue?

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A. We have substance abuse programs and we support those but not specifically related to vaping.

Q As parents, how can we help to continue or provide additional support to help further the Special Ed Programs at San Juan School District, teachers, and staff?

A Being aware of what is going on, what legislature is coming up etc. Be part of groups and attend meetings such as CAC, LCAP to make sure Special Education Students are not a forgotten population .

Q What are some of the challenges that you have seen this year and how are we addressing those challenges?

A We still continue to have a challenge filling IA positions and with minimum wage increases the salary schedule will have to be redesigned. (During this time it was also brought up that many willing and able candidates are unable to pass the test and therefore cannot get hired. Mr. Kern is going to meet with HR to see if there are plans to revamp the test or bypass it in special circumstances.)

Q I have noticed that Special Ed Teachers/Educators take on an enormous amount of additional responsibilities, more so than mainstream teachers. How can we further support their efforts so that they do not get burnt out, disengaged, and run down?

A Advocating for them at state and local levels.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Aaron shared that Matt, Megan and other administrators are in Chicago at the Urban Conference Collaborative. Looking forward to the information and insight they bring back .

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Melissa, Wendy, Lacy and Tina will be on the “You Light the Way” Committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Is it possible to extend transportation for after school activities?
- How can we get special needs kids more involved in extra curricular activities?
- Can we/do we have a CAC sponsored Facebook group?
- Will San Juan abide by the new High School start time? – Answered unknown timeline but when it is a law we will abide
- There is a need for more translators for transportation, especially in the morning.
- LCAP Meeting is on the 7th

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- Melissa mentioned that we have finalized meeting topics and new brochures have gone out to school sites.
- An updated Family Services and Resources list is on the back table.
- The IEP brainstorming activity will be available at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03