

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

December 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa Horne, Wendy Quinn, Tina Cooper, Jaqueline Sheilds , Ruth Rowlette, Alexi Branche

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lacey Bauer

SJSUD EMPLOYEES: Gorica Jankovic, Megan Hudson, Dee Johnston , Dayle Cantrall

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES : Motion to approve minutes was seconded.

BEHAVORIST PRESENTATION : Behaviorist, Gorica Jankovic spoke about the home and school connection and how to offer support to connect them. She explained that every behavior a student has meets a need for them. She also explained that behavior is a product of environment. Parents shared concern about how to keep consistency when reports aren't read by all staff etc.

TRANSITION AND WORKABILITY : Dayle spoke about a change that is effective beginning with the class 2020 in which students who earn a diploma will not be allowed to attend Laurel Ruff. In prior years IEP teams were allowing students to earn diplomas but not receive them and continue at Laurel Ruff. She shared her intent to work with families for the class of 20, 21, and 22 to creatively look at what is available to child. (i.e. heavily modified diploma).

DIRECTORS REPORT : Last month several administrators went to Urban Collab for Special Education to talk about issues. Debra Calvin (Assistant Supt of Educational Services) has a mission for all leaders to get together five times a year. This year all topics are meeting needs of students with disabilities.

Matt shared that the SELPA Local Plan will release templates next week for the upcoming year which will combine with budget plan and be more visual.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Request to add committee report to agendas coming forward
- Wendy passed on a message to teachers commending them on how they handled the recent lockdowns.
- Lack of child care at CAC was addressed. – We acknowledge the hardship. It was not an active decision but we will strategically think about how to fix the issue

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- Megan spoke that the goal as a Leadership team is to provide a voice and picture of who our children, families and staff are to all leaders in district. There are cards on the table for parents to write something to leadership. The hope is to write something about your child, program, what you like about it, a hope or dream for your child etc.
- Melissa noted handouts are on table including IEP posters.
- Matt announced he will be leaving his position in February. He has taken a promotional opportunity.
- “You Light the Way” e-mail chain has begun. Megan and Kim will connect about nominations.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:29