



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 25, 2022

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6:04pm

CALL TO ORDER

Havah Kelly, called to order the regular meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education on August 25, 2022.

Members Present: Christina Share, Julia Martin, Kim Stewart, Leah Tinsley, Lillian Lim, Martha Brooder, Olga Maldonado

Members Excused: Alida Fisher, Danielle Satinover, Diane Poole, Eileen Boussina, Havah Kelly, Karla Bobadilla, Marisol Martinez, Megan Potente, Sam Murphy, Suz Dehne, Whui Chang

Special Education Staff Present: Jean Robertson, Jenny Jimenez-Payne, Ben Neuman, Chad Shimke, Cynthia Ortiz-Front, Jennifer Herges, Kee Fricke-Pothier, Kristen Devine, Maggie Michels, Matthew Lavoie, Michelle Bizeau, Ricki Jo Scott, Scott Ostendorff, Simone Green

Meeting Slide Deck -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wurjBnrmxLuC3iDzXigBGJyK2g_qaE3sWWj-xALJVI/edit?usp=sharing

6:05pm

WELCOME

All are invited to participate in an informal meet and greet with CAC members, Special Education Supervisors and Support for Families staff (virtually) from 6:00 pm until the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

- Surprise guest Superintendent Dr. Wayne

6:30 pm

MAIN PROGRAM: Back to School & Special Ed 101

Topics: Special Education Updates & Overview, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Special Education Transportation, Translation Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATES

Jean Robertson, Head of Special Education, greeted everyone and shared updates about SFUSD Special Education Services

- Goals. Quote: All means All. Not some, not most. Everyday we provide each and every student The quality instruction and equitable support required to drive in the 21st century.
- Coherence - "What we need is consistency of purpose, policy, and practice. Structure and strategy are not enough. The solution requires the individual and collective ability to build shared meaning, capacity, and commitment to action. When large numbers of people have a deeply understood sense of what needs to be done—and see their part in achieving that purpose—coherence emerges and powerful things happen." - Michael Fullan
- Instructional coherence. Operational coherence. Build coherence.
- Core Instruction Rubric 4 Essential Questions. 4 guiding questions.
- Tier 1 is what everyone gets in a classroom.
- Jean spoke about the special education services and the who's who. Administrators and Supervisors.
- Sped Elem. slide Jenny Herges back.
- DHH - closed presidio. Jenny will help with lift this year. Hopefully welcoming DHH toddlers this year.

Jenny Jimenez Payne, Director of K-12 Schools

- Professional Development
- Upcoming PD - sending surveys to Sped staff to ask what we should offer on Wednesdays early release day.
- Several trainings will be offered to teachers and paras
- Spire is a criteria for dyslexia
- Sped Continuum of services - Least restrictive. Graph
- The LRE Mandate

ADR, presented by Jean Robertson

- Explaining what ADR is and how it works.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** - Any resolution process, agreed to by disagreeing parties, in which the services of a neutral professional are used to assist them in reaching agreement and avoiding litigation.
- Mutual reasons for using ADR for Families / for SFUSD -
 - Balances the power (perceived or real) between families and the school
 - Helps to repair relationships; builds team members communication skills
 - Helps to prevent repeats of the same concerns
 - Prevent CDE Complaints, Due Process and Lawsuits
 - Free access to professional neutrals
- ADR Strategies

- Even in dispute you want to move forward.
- Come together meeting.
- Help the ADR team decide what training to offer this year.
- Training request AP

Special Education Transportation, Arcadio Fokin

- Successfully launched year 2 with provider ZUM Services Inc. Over **2,806 SFUSD** students received services last week. 174 buses and 20 Vans served 129 school destinations.
- **1,378 students** with IEPs are currently scheduled for curb to school transportation. We are processing over 520 individual additions and changes to routes that will go live on Monday August 29th.
- ZUM Customer service there early in the morning and late in the evening. 6:30 am -5:30
- Parents would like training on how to use the app.
- Arcadio will put together an app training video for the website.
- How do kids qualify for transportation services? Jean - transportation is a related service. Jenny - 7 eligibility questions. If able to answer one, they are eligible.
 - Does the child have a medical diagnosis that places the child at the health risk on age appropriate modes of transportation?
 - Does the child have an orthopedic disability that significantly inhibits mobility?
 - Does the student's intellectual capacity impair the students ability to access age appropriate transportation?
 - Does the student's disability result in behavior issues on transportation?
 - Does the nature of the student's disability make it unsafe for him or her to walk or bike to school?
 - Can a student not access transportation similar to peers of the same age without complications related to his or her disability?
 - Has the IEP team placed a student at this school outside of SFUSD as the choice process.
- IEP team must discuss.

Translation Services, Lehman Sio

- SFUSD provides interpretation for family communication.
- It's free and the information is in the main office of every school, district wide via the "I Speak" Flyer - which allows parents to identify their home language so they can access on demand interpretation
- Working on translating the IEP template.

7:45pm

CAC BUSINESS

- Member Attendance: we have a quorum. - **Yes**
- June 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved by general consent. - **Approved (3)**

7:50pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Share, [Support for Families updates](https://www.supportforfamilies.org/sfcd-blog/): <https://www.supportforfamilies.org/sfcd-blog/>

- Check out the [blog](#)!
- FREE virtual IEP clinics and support groups
- [Information](#)
- Family Resource Specialist Warmline: (M-F 9:30am-4:30pm) 415-920-5040

Julia Martin, SFUSD Ombudsperson presented SFUSD updates:

- Check out the SFUSD Special Education website (www.sfusd.edu/sped)
- Special Education Enrollment & Assessment Information
- [Updated SFUSD Parent Rights & Procedural Safeguards](#)
- Lots of IEP how-to's and resources

Superintendent Listening and Learning Town Halls

Sept. 8, 2022	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Lincoln High School 2162 24th Avenue
Sept. 13, 2022	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Galileo High School 1150 Francisco Street
Sept. 15, 2022	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Mission High School 3750 18th Street

- Special Allergen or Dietary Needs? Learn more at SchoolCafe.com/sfusd or email at: SchoolLunch@sfusd.edu
- Sign up for SFUSD Announcements
 1. [Family Announcement Bulletin \(FAB\)](#)
 2. Weekly email summary of announcements
 3. Make sure your contact information is up to date in [ParentVUE](#) to receive urgent notifications from SFUSD.

7:55pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

8:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED
