

SEAC Meeting Minutes 1/9/2018

Committee Members in attendance: Lance Kinney, Chad Johnson, Enrique Trejo, Maria Hernandez, Heather Merritt, Jolene Sanders, Angelo San Segundo, Patricia Carley, Raul Sanchez, and Jennifer Farrell

Guests: Eric Oiler, Lisa Flores

Also present: Neil Bonavita

6:00pm: Call to Order

Members and individuals present introduce themselves.

October and November 2017 minutes unanimously approved

Lance shared:

Goals – Outreach to new parent parents; “Welcome to SPED” dissemination of materials; Dr. Bahney distinguishes this from “Back to School Night” where this information might be disseminated in different and inconsistent ways that were varied and campus specific. The committee will review Kathy Palomo’s materials and determine how they could be utilized or incorporated into the work of the committee. Another suggestion was made to create small short videos that tie to the written content on discrete Special Education topics.

Public Comment: Lisa Flores— She made a public information request for where the SCORES units are located in the district and found that only 2 were on the Eastside and invites the committee to see how these units are distributed in the district. She is also troubled by how only 2 east side middle school campuses have SCORES as well. Her youngest attends a campus which she thinks is an awesome school but is concerned about parents that are Spanish speaking are having to sign off on an IEP in English and then wait weeks for a translated version of their document. She is concerned about the wait-time for the Spanish translation.

Dr. Bahney clarifies that agendas are posted in advance and that the committee is open to public comment but that any questions posed by the public not specifically on the agenda would need to be addressed outside of the meeting or as part of a future agenda item to give other members of the public the opportunity to attend and participate on topics raised during public comment.

Neil facilitates the “Top 10.” Robust discussion by the committee follows on potential topics for consideration as part of the “Top 10”

Dr. Bahney commits to put together pieces and clusters of information and will send out to the committee to preview in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

1. Parent process for initiating or questioning process
2. IEPs and the major parts

Lance’s proposal:

1. “Welcome to SPED from a Parent’s Voice” – Patricia will work on the initial draft
2. What is SPED
3. IEPS

4. ARD Process
5. Terminology

Director's Report: Dr. Bahney proceeds with the Director's Report

Tables Diane Burnett's PD Update and Literacy Committee Update as Diane was not in attendance at the meeting.

Jean has been tasked by Dr. Cruz to set up the Dyslexia Advisory Committee. Jean requests that the committee members share with their friends that they can apply to serve on the Dyslexia Committee and provided an overview of the committee's role. The change in TEA Special Education Director and the cancellation of the SPEDx contract by TEA were touched upon as well and may be re-addressed in greater detail at the next scheduled meeting.

Adjourn: 8:05PM