

SEAC Meeting Minutes 2/13/2018

Committee Members in attendance: Dr. Lance Kinney, Chad Johnson, Maria Hernandez, Jolene Sanders, Chris Massey, Angelo San Segundo, Patricia Carley, Raul Sanchez, Eric Oyler, and Dr. Jean Bahney

Guest: Raphael Soriano

Also present: Neil Bonavita, Diane Burnett

6:08PM Call to Order

Members and individuals present introduce themselves.

January 2018 minutes unanimously approved

Overview and Input: Autism Grant Proposal

Dr. Bahney provides an overview of the grant snapshot and provides a copy of the grant snapshot for review by the committee members. Dr. Bahney approached several school districts and 6 agreed to be partners in the grant. We will share resources we create and PD. Multiple educational regions are represented. They will collaborate and note the “tweaks” so that those districts will be able to implement effectively. Dr. Bahney shares a framework for the elements of the support system that would be created as a result of the grant. Initial questions focused on where the programming would be situated, how students would qualify, and whether students could transfer. Ms. Sanders has a few suggestions/questions: What are we doing that is new or innovative beyond PD? In addition to partnering with Greenleaf and Easter Seals, consider bringing in more direct services. She would like to know about how support staff would work as well as family support teams. How do we address all the parents who might be interested in having their children become part of this innovative program? What will transition look like for older students? Dr. Bahney has discussed in one version of the plan the possibility of placing a BCBA on the selected campus. A centralized campus would be the likely location for access purposes.

Chad Johnson inquired as to what barriers might exist to implementation. Dr. Bahney shared that training for general ed teachers and the augmentation of training for sped teachers would be needed to address potential barriers for implementation. Mr. Soriano suggests that PD for parents, sped teachers, and gen ed teachers would be helpful.

Maria Hernandez believes that work around family support that provides guidance on how to continue supports after students transition out of the program would be impactful.

Overview and Input: Dyslexia Grant Proposal

Dr. Bahney shared grant snapshot and draft summary to the committee and provides an overview of the grant. Mr. San Segundo has questions about how Spanish speaking students could be supported. The SEAC members are asked to provide additional feedback and any individual who wants to attend the Dyslexia Meeting is welcome.

Parent Video Discussion

Neil distributes the “Top 10” List and shares the rough cut video of the Welcome to Sped from a Parent’s Perspective. Dr. Bahney reports that the Board has expressed support for the committee’s focus on the

development of special education videos. Discussion was had regarding the development of a story board and the consideration of multiple narrators. Questions regarding how and whether the AISD communications department might be used to build these videos for the committee. A suggestion was made to produce videos in Spanish, too. Another suggestion was made to include teachers and campus administrators in these videos as well, possibly with classrooms as a backdrop, so that viewers can hear from different individuals involved in special education. Patricia and Lance are willing to work on the IEP and major parts. Chad and Jolene will work on the referral process.

Adjourn: 8:05PM