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MARCH SEDAC MINUTES

Date: Friday, March 25, 2022

Start time: 9:00am / End time: 11:00am

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting (Public Viewing on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/TDCStudios>)

SELPA PARENT RESOURCE LINK: <https://www.vcselpa.org/For-Families/Resources-Booklets>

Welcome/Introductions

- Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Information/Discussion Session

- Slide presentations (slides uploaded onto the VUSD website)
 - An overview of the autism spectrum disorder - Tamme Koehn, Program Specialist
Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - Parents with children in the autism spectrum encourage to speak with their IEP team/case manager if they'd like to connect with Tamme
 - An overview of the special education paraprofessionals and additional adult supports - Nick Vlahos, Interim Deputy Director for Special Education Department
 - Q&A in regards to Paraeducators covered with discussions regarding: Hiring process for Paras; What does the district do in the event a parent does not want a certain para working with the child; can parents be involved with the pairing of paras to students; when do we use agency paras to fill vacancies; can parents become paras; how much of what is being offered to paras in benefits/pay affect the para turnover; parents want to be involved in the recruitment of paras- how can that be possible (this is an internal process in which privacy laws come into play); what kind of training are paras going through to qualify them to work with students with special needs
 - The parents also voiced their concerns regarding lack of communication with updates
 - Parents are asking for equal communication for all school sites; especially when it's reported that there is more success at certain schools than others

Committee Reports

- District Updates
 - Working with County and State Departments regarding inter-department for expanded TK journey towards universal TK
 - Also working on elementary to middle and middle to high school meetings for new school year
 - Updating our data system to make response time quicker and more efficient
 - Still working on providing all the right training for our staff

- Requesting a change of format for the next meeting so the Success and Feedback from sites can go before any presentation
- Successes and Feedback from sites
 - Requesting more talk regarding Paraeducators
 - Requesting information regarding how long ESY will run this year
 - Requesting information regarding homestead availability for special education students
- SELPA CAC Representative Reports
 - Per CAC Rep: A lot is going on and full information can be located at the SELPA/CAC website
 - Encouraging all parents to attend the Transition Fairs
 - Funding on mental health will be going to the districts (a little less than \$2 million)
 - New Bill being written regarding inclusion by Republican Bogh (Bill FB11132)
 - New inclusion conference with 4 different sessions:
 - April 25 from 3pm-5pm (virtual)
 - Other dates not provided by the Rep, but advised they will all be virtual and within the next year (more info on the SELPA website)
- PAC Representative Reports
 - None provided

Public Comments

- None received

Adjournment