

Strategic Plan Parent Forum
January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** - Tiffany Hazlewood (Director of School and Student Services) welcomed everyone to the 2021-22 Strategic Plan Parent Forum
2. **Summarizing the Strategic Plan**
 - a. Dr. Marovich reviewed the Strategic Plan and action steps, as well as progress in each area.
 - b. Program Supervisor Nathan Molina gave information about the WorkAbility and Transition Partnership Programs.
3. **District Updates**
 - a. Mrs. Hazlewood shared updates from around the district including:
 - i. Learning Recovery Planning
 - ii. Elementary to Middle School Transitions and the timeline of events this spring as we work with the feeder districts to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - iii. High School transitions and events hosted by high schools to share information about programs, academics, and school culture
 - iv. College Night is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2022 and will include breakout sessions for students with disabilities.
4. **School Site Updates**
 - a. **Carmel Valley MS - (Adam Bishop, Assistant Principal, Lisa Ansonoff, Parent)** Mr. Bishop and Mrs. Ansonoff have been collaborating on the best way to share information in the CVMS weekly newsletters about special education and how to sustain the work week to week. He echoed what other sites shared about staffing challenges this school year and how CVMS wants to be transparent with parents and staff about these challenges.
 - b. **Diegueno MS - (Cara Dolnik, Principal, Christa Collins, Parent, Nathan Molina, Program Supervisor)** Mrs. Dolnik shared successes including after school tutoring, co teaching and facilitating increased collaboration with general education teachers.
 - c. **Earl Warren MS - (Justin Conn, Principal, Wendy Abelmann, Parent, Jennifer Havlat, Program Supervisor)** Mrs. Havlat shared successes with the EW co teaching classes and celebrated the work of the EW special education staff.
 - d. **Oak Crest MS - (Charles Adams, Assistant Principal, Janet Fioriti, Parent)** Mr. Adams shared that he is most proud of the ways OC is communicating with their community. Staffing continues to be a challenge this year and the OC team appreciates the support of the entire community as they move through the school year. Mrs. Fioriti echoed communication as a strength and gave some

suggestions for streamlining and simplifying the communication process. She also celebrated the opportunities her children have for inclusion with peers.

- e. **Pacific Trails MS - (Kathryn Freeman, Assistant Principal, Katie Shang, Parent, Monica Davey, Program Supervisor)** Ms. Freeman discussed ways PTMS is increasing communication with their community through the parent newsletter and other opportunities. She also shared the collaborative work being done by the PTMS Seaside team to refine practices and programs.
- f. **Canyon Crest Academy - (Patricia Storey, Assistant Principal, Jamie Dicken, Parent, Nathan Molina, Program Supervisor)** - Ms. Storey shared information about Information Nights for incoming freshmen. The CCA team has a goal to do more to connect special education parents to campus by having in person meetings; however, they presently are offering these opportunities virtually due to Covid. Mrs. Dicken shared feedback about the naming of the new support classes and suggested that the term intervention is deficit focused, and encouraged the team to consider a naming convention that is asset based.
- g. **La Costa Canyon - (Reno Medina, Principal, Lisa Toliver, Parent, Jesse Mindlin and Jennifer Havlat, Program Supervisors)** Mr. Medina discussed the upcoming Parent Information Night and other opportunities for families to learn more about LCC programs and campus. He is most proud of LCC's instructional components including the coteaching teams. Mr. Medina celebrated inclusion opportunities for special education students. Mrs. Toliver shared that the district is doing a phenomenal job of creating an optimal learning environment for all students and appreciates the hard work of the special education staff at LCC>
- h. **San Dieguito Academy - (Dr. Jeremy Meadows, Assistant Principal, Cassie Blakely, Parent, Monica Davey and Jesse Mindlin, Program Supervisors)** Dr. Meadows shared staffing challenges at SDA and that the SDA team is working to balance student numbers in quarter 3 courses. SDA's information night was the previous week. Mr. Mindlin shared that an SDA Special Education teacher will participate in the Orton Gillingham reading training in May (as will staff members from other sites) to increase literacy. Mrs. Blakely gave a "shout out" to Mrs. Reeves and echoed TP and CCA's initiatives to support college preparedness for students.
- i. **Torrey Pines - (Tracy Olander, Assistant Principal, Patty Tobin, Parent, Dr. Nicole Edgett, Program Supervisor)** Ms. Olander shared that the TP team was inspired by the discussion about college readiness at the October SPPF meeting and has been thinking about ways to increase attention on college readiness for special education students. Mrs. Edgett discussed upcoming Information Night for middle school families and breakout sessions, as well as other opportunities for parents to get information for their incoming freshmen.
- j. **Sunset/ COAST - (Rick Ayala, Principal, Jim Cheeseman, Parent)** Mrs. Hazlewood shared that Sunset is working on their WASC (accreditation) visit. Coast students are working at OCMS and soon at SDA in the learning commons. Mr. Cheeseman shared his appreciation for the Workability program and the role

it played in preparing his student for work. He appreciated the district's focus on post-secondary education and work readiness.

- k. **District/NPS - (Tiffany Hazlewood, Director, Stephanie Rubino, Parent, Melissa Marovich, Coordinator)** Dr. Marovich discussed ways the district can improve communication and information sharing with NPS families, resulting from her conversation with Mrs. Rubino. Mrs. Rubino shared a number of ideas for updating the district website and is willing to liaise with other NPS families.
5. **North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE)** - The slide deck contained information about the NCCSE community advisory committee and parent training opportunities.
6. **Help Wanted:** We are looking for a parent to share their experience with the elementary to middle school Transition process at our Parent Information Session, February 10, 5:30 - 6:30. Please email Melissa if you are willing to volunteer: melissa.marovich@sduhsd.net
7. **Closing** - The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2022. Before our next meeting, please meet and review goal #5: Inclusion. *Please be prepared to share current opportunities for inclusion and ideas for improvement.*