

District Advisory Committees (DACs)
Draft Charges for 2017-18

Early Child Care DAC

- Administrator Co-chairperson: Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell, Director of Early Learning
- Voting Co-chairperson: Iao Katagiri

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The purpose of the Early Child Care DAC is to provide a forum for discussion of support for early childhood programs focusing on children ages 0-5 years. While there are many questions and issues the DAC could discuss and provide assistance on for the 2017-2018 school year, the DAC selected two priority areas on which to focus its attention. The DAC chose to narrow its focus with the hope that it can make meaningful contributions to district policy moving forward. The proposed charges are as follows:

1. The DAC will work to determine if there are preschool eligible students in our community who are currently not attending preschool. We believe it is important to improve our understanding of the types of challenges that may impede attendance, as well as the resources needed to support all families so children can successfully attend preschool; and whether those resources are currently available and accessible.
2. The DAC will consider the types of data to gather from preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. This data will be used to help SMMUSD maintain quality programs that best prepare our youngest students and their families to be successful in elementary school and beyond.

Since SMMUSD already collects data in early learning (the Desired Results Developmental Profile [DRDP] in preschool and Transitional Kindergarten; as well as the Early Development Instrument [EDI] in Kindergarten) the DAC's role will be to consider how to best utilize existing data, what additional data would be helpful, and what the challenges might be to collecting any additional data.

Special Education DAC

- Administrator Co-chairperson: Pam Kazee, Director of Special Education
- Voting Co-chairperson: Lee Jones

Draft Charges for 2017-18:

- SEDAC will support the development of an effective special needs parental community to assist parents in familiarizing themselves with District supports, parent networking opportunities, parent education sessions and community resources.
- The District and SEDAC will develop a plan to communicate with parents about resources and programming that are available.
- A SEDAC task force will update the "*Parent-to-Parent Transition Plan Guidelines*" document that includes supports and guidance for high school students and eighth grade transitioning students.
- Continue to build upon the work completed in the District in the area of social emotional justice, focusing on inclusive practices and empathy for students with disabilities.

SEDAC will advise the Board of Education about attitudes, opinions and issues significant to the Special Education community by:

- a. Holding monthly meetings open to the public and provide Spanish translation when needed.
- b. Acting as a conduit for flow of information between the Special Education community at large and the Board of Education.

- c. Continuing to bring parent's questions and concerns to the Board of Education regarding curriculum and programs in math, literacy, reading and autism.
- d. Providing a forum for District staff and other speakers to share information relevant to the Special Education community.
- e. Enhancing District-wide outreach to Special Education parents, continuing the practice of rotating yearly meeting locations to include school site.
- f. Addressing topical concerns utilizing subcommittees, either Ad Hoc and/or Standing Committees, as defined by the Brown Act.
- g. Continuing to review the Special Education budget yearly with Special Education Director, Pam Kazee.