

Take-Away Points
Special Education Leadership Committee
10-20-09

In Attendance: Jeff Baier, Anne LePage, Ruth Cantwell, Terri Stromfeld, Judy Rothenberg, Carol Rossi, Linda Young, Gita Gopal, Rita Estrada, Sheila McGovern

- Purpose of committee was outlined – to investigate and advise the administration on issues related to providing excellence within the special education program in the LASD. It will serve as a reaction/input group and members will be responsible for sharing, educating and soliciting input from their constituents regarding the topics being discussed. The committee will not discuss individual cases or personnel issues
- Topics discussed included Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), Mainstreaming, Inclusion, Response to Intervention (RTI), Behavioral support in general education classrooms, science/history curriculum in SDCs, disconnect between outside professionals and school professionals, communication within the special education department.
- Mainstreaming was selected as the topic to investigate. Ruth and Judy will meet to design questions for a “self-survey”. Each school site will complete a “self-survey” regarding their mainstreaming practices. Results will be reviewed at the next leadership committee meeting.
- At the SDC/RSP staff meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22 the topic of science/history curriculum will be addressed and information will be shared at the next leadership committee meeting.
- Stimulus funds were discussed. The district is receiving a total of \$660,000 over a two year period. One-half of these funds are going into the general fund to help cover encroachment. The rest of the funds will be used for professional development, assessment tools, and to cover the costs of implementing the new SDCs within the district.
- Next meeting will be December 10th at 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the LASD District Office. The meetings were changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays to better accommodate all members.