

**Santee Community Collaborative**  
**COLLABORATIVE**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**In-Person**  
**Santee, CA 92071**

**Welcome & Introductions** – Janessa called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Members/Guests present: 18 guests.

**Review of Agenda & Minutes** – A motion was made by Juan/Eddie to approve today's agenda and a motion was made by Camille/Dafne to approve the December minutes.

**San Ysidro Health Center** – Guendi Cortez is the Dental Outreach Manager with San Ysidro Health. San Ysidro Health offers free-of-cost oral health assessments and fluoride varnish application on school campuses. In addition, students can develop meaningful experiences with our dental program. For many younger students, the program is an introduction to their first dental encounter; we all know how this initial contact can be scary. The Dental Providers are experts in making children feel safe, creating a positive experience, and having fun at the same time. Their team makes every effort to connect students and families to a dental home and offer continuum of care. They provide assistance with: Significant Pain – Referral to SY Health Dental, dental diseases that interfere with daily eating, oral & Health screening, dental cleanings and treatment to help improve poor self-image, and oral Surgery for wisdom teeth and orthodontic care (braces). They also teach dental hygiene classes for children and parents. The program requirements and incentives are: MOU, consent form, space to set up, hygiene kit for every student, and classroom incentive (highest number of participants gets a gift card).

**Military Culture/Resources** – Giselle McLaurin is the School Liaison for Child/Youth Programs for the Navy Region Southwest Services. Giselle highlighted the key education issues identified by military families which are: enrollment, eligibility, placement, graduation requirements, extracurricular opportunities, social adjustments, and

School Liaison Officers primary function is to serve as a liaison between parent, educators and the command, so military-connected children successfully transfer between schools. They also:

- Offer assistance in navigating the administrative systems within local public schools.
- Provide information about programs and services available on the installation and in the local community.
- Make referrals to the appropriate special education or medical professionals.
- Provide information concerning local policies and regulations pertaining to special education.
- Can assist families with the required signatures for EFMP enrollment form DD 2792-1.

Lastly, the military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MC3) addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation.

**Public Communication** – None.

**Director's Report with Janessa Nedney** – Janessa talked about the Multicultural Fair April 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:00 PM at PRIDE Academy and they are looking for support with food vendors, local business that want to sponsor a stage, and culturally-based organizations, community activities, or programs the students can participate in. She also mentioned the Black Excellence Committee Paint & Dine event on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM (this is a parent-led committee that is open to all Black families within Santee). Janessa also talked about adding a section for DEI and military resources under the Collaborative website. Next meeting, we would like to spend some time discussing the most pressing needs for our homeless students and families within Santee. Lastly, for the March meeting, San Diego County Office of Education

(SDCOE) is coming to discuss how we can participate in a formal needs assessment of the community.

**Announcements** – There were a few announcements. Camille announced the resource fair at Cuyamaca College on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 – 5:00 PM. Matt talked about the Santee Discovery Day on January 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Tiffani mentioned the Love Your Heart flyer and the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren event on February 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

**Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

**Next Collaborative Meeting – Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 3:00p.m.**