

Special Education Department
Board Report
June 13, 2018

We had our last day of school on June 5th and the students were released at noon. The staff gathered for our last staff meeting for the school year in the afternoon. We also had a celebration after our meeting for the four staff members that retired this school year. Our retirees were Jana Underwood-School Social Worker (34 years at the DIISD), Pam Witter-School Social Worker (23 years at the DIISD), Suzette Stenfors-Instructional Aide (24 years at the DIISD), and Pam Schwamlien-Instructional Aide (14 years at the DIISD). We wish them the best in their retirement!

We had another successful year at Camp React which was held at Bay Cliff Health Camp. The staff that volunteered their time to spend two nights with the campers and supervise/plan activities with them were Lisa Anderson, Whitney Beauchamp, Katie Cherney, Rhonda Colberg, Elise Neuens, and Jana Underwood. Without such dedicated staff, we wouldn't be able to make this wonderful experience happen for these students.

The Transition Grant and EOSD Grant (Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities) will no longer exist for us but MDE has created a new grant titled General Supervision. The funding is roughly the same as the transition grant and EOSD grant combined but MDE did add a 10 percent increase this year. The Flowthrough Grant remains the same as the previous year. All of the grants will be due on July 1st.

We have interviews set for June 12th for the two vacant school social work positions. We have five candidates that we plan to interview. The interview team will consist of Tricia, Wendy, Lisa Anderson and a business office representative. We hope to have two names to bring to the July board meeting.