

River Grove SAC Meeting - 2/9/23

Present: Clair Porter, Jackie Clee, Dan Draper, and Jim Sanders

Dr. Jim Sanders - Guest Speaker - Assistant Director of Student Services

- Background
 - Clinical psychologist
 - Day treatment experience
- Working through how to keep students in neighborhood school in LOSD (as opposed to out placements).
- Overseeing behavior and social emotional learning for the district
- Moving to Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Has anxiety increased due to Covid? See article called “Ghost Students” (from the AP).
- More obsessive compulsive disorders - students not wanting to leave home.
 - In girls it manifests differently than boys
 - Boys act out more
 - Girls can be a little more aloof
- Students lost two years of practice (of basic school and societal rules)
- What are the biggest needs for Student Services?
 - The sheer numbers - the needs are so high
 - Parents have high needs too
 - Staff also have high needs
 - Currently difficult to fill open positions (staffing) - particularly Special Education Assistants (SEAs)
- 13 different categories one could qualify for in special education (not just academics)
- Big changes on the horizon?
 - Program placements - getting Delta, Access, and Pathways on both sides of the lake
- Roughly 10% of the LOSD student population receives support from Student Services