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**Oswego Community Unit School District 308**  
**SERVING ALL OR PARTS OF THE COMMUNITIES OF**  
**AURORA, JOLIET, MONTGOMERY, OSWEGO, PLAINFIELD AND YORKVILLE**

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**Equity Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**School District 308**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
**School District 308 – District Administration Center (Room 61)**  
**6:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Dominick Cirone

Members in Attendance: Dominick Cirone, Board Member/Chair, Jared Ploger, Board Member/Chair, Faith Dahlquist, Associate Superintendent, Renee Sartore, Director of English Learners, Jadon Waller, Director of DEI & Family Engagement

Members Absent: None

Guests in Attendance: Sheryl Flynn, Tina Gonzalez, Erika Sieh, Michelle Palacios

Recording Secretary: Tina Moore

2. Motion was made to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes by Dominick Cirone; seconded by Jared Ploger; all were in favor.
3. Discussion regarding the new format of the Board Advisory Committees.
4. [Special Education Presentation](#) - Dr. Denise Hildebrand, Executive Director of Special Education. Some topics discussed:
  - a. Funding of SPED
  - b. IDEA grant
  - c. ESSER funds used for interventionists
  - d. Recruiting/hiring/retaining more candidates of many ethnicities
  - e. EL endorsed (18) teachers through Title III grant
  - f. Envision 308 Success Indicator - 2022-23
  - g. Continue REACH program, enhance programming at EVA and Pathways
  - h. Epic Presentations
  - i. Popcorn in the park event went well



5. Public comment -

Erika Sieh - School boundaries and SPED, siblings split to different schools.

Michelle Palacios - Just started in the district as TA, students mimicking SPED students in GenEd without more certified staff. Support staff are really overworked.

Sheryl Flynn - Southbury 5th graders - siblings separated due to one being in SPED and the other not. MTSS guidelines on website - other states are further ahead than Illinois.

Tina Gonzalez - Elementary Ed teacher - Speech pathologists being utilized in LEA. Students that are in direct instruction for CORE classes, but not CORE electives - not enough support for them. Graduates in 2026 will not have this requirement. Didn't provide enough support for students that are struggling - i.e., pre-algebra is gone, lowest level is algebra.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm by Jared Ploger; seconded by Dominick all were in favor.