



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:00pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order made by Susan Samarge-Powell at 5:08pm
 - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Jon Kean, Jennifer Smith, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Raven Kras, Laurie Lieberman, Kristina Lizama, Laura Manson,
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business - Action Item – Gary Huff made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/22/22 meeting. Seconded by Ben Swett. All in attendance approved.
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Member Jon Kean briefly discussed TK and funding from the state; he also gave a brief update on facilities and how preschool still needs to be considered as a part of the updated buildings/facilities. He also noted how the board really needs to be considering how to sustain a growing need for a field of employees; and then how to retain them.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports –
 - a. Susan Samarge-Powell provided District Covid-19 Updates, specifically around ITC, Preschool and School Age programs. Susan shared that masking had moved to optional for all; however during an exposure students were required to wear masks indoors for 10 days. In ITC and preschool we have kept it at indoors AND outdoors.
 - b. An update regarding programming was provided; specifically, that student reenrollment and new enrollment has opened for all programs. While we are having staffing issues, we are trying to grow back towards pre-pandemic levels when/where possible. Staffing concerns remain throughout.
- VI. New Business
 - a. UPK update – Susan shared that she had presented to the school board the previous week on Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) and specifically the expansion of TK over the course of the next three years. At this point, it looks like only one additional TK class will be needed for the 22-23 school year. We will likely need to grow 2-3 for the following year if numbers continue to increase.
 - b. The DAC determined that we don't need to meet in June, and we will reconvene in August or September.
- VII. Announcements – Though Laura Manson wasn't able to be present we wanted to wish her a fabulous retirement (and Susan wants to thank her for continuing to remain on our DAC!). We can't wait to hear of her plans.
- VIII. Adjournment – Susan Samarge-Powell closed the meeting at 6:14pm.