



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

6:00pm – 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order – made by Iao Katagiri at 6:07pm
In attendance – Gary Huff, Nicole Jain, Iao Katagiri, Natasha Kingscote, Raven Kras, Laurie Lieberman, Kristina Lizama, Laura Manson, Susan Samarge-Powell, Ben Swett
Absent – Jon Kean
- II. Public Comments (5) - None
- III. Welcome and DAC Norms (20)
 - a. New Member Introduction – The DAC welcomed new member Nicole Jain to the team. Nicole moved to Los Angeles from Chicago, and then to Santa Monica. She is very interested in Public Policy and hopes to find other ways to connect with the district
- IV. General/Old Business (5) – A note of the date from the meetings for 19-20 school year as decided upon at the end of the 18-19 school year. Oct. 9th is a local holiday so the team will be recommending the move to 10/2 instead during New Business
- V. Board Liaison report (5) – Board member Lieberman shared that it was the new year and we have just begun with all DACs and programs. Member Ben Swett asked about bond dollars and plans moving forward. Board member Lieberman suggested anyone who is interested in this should be present at board meetings when the bond monies are discussed.
- VI. SMMUSD Staff Reports (20)
 - a. Program Updates – Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell presented briefly that we have been “open” 14 school days, though we had ITC, preschool and School Age programs running throughout the summer. Currently, we have 2 ITC classrooms open on Samohi’s campus; we have 17 preschool classes located on 10 campuses, including the opening of the Seaside Webster preschool; we have 24 School Age Program (before and after school care) classes open on eight campuses. Susan noted that enrollment in all programs is up overall, though we continue to still have space available in some of our part day preschool programs. In some of our School Age Programs we have need of additional classes as enrollment is up. We will continue to work with sites to open classes,



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pending staffing availability. Susan also shared the Early Learning board presentation is currently slated for October 17th. At that time, she will present more information on enrollment, services and policies. The discussion from the DAC was about what to share and how we highlight information for the board? The discussion led to the suggestion of limiting the amount of time we are 'presenting' and invite board members to visit preschool and school age sites early this year. The DAC liked the idea of site visits so that members can see what is happening in our classes!

VII. New Business (35)

- a. Election of a Co-Chairperson – Lao opened the floor to any nominations for a co-chair. Laura Manson nominated Lao Katagiri again. Lao stated that if anyone else wanted it they could self-nominate. No one self-nominated. The DAC unanimously voted Lao as our co-chair for the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. Charges for the 2019-20 school year
 - i. The DAC spent some time reviewing the charges previously submitted to the school board. There was a note that someone could incorrectly read “universal preschool services” as “universal preschool”. We do not have universal preschool services. Susan reiterated that it is the services we are providing for all students in all preschools. The DAC agreed the word “universal” should be removed and made the recommendation to change this in the board charges. Further discussion occurred around the additional charges and whether or not we should “word smith” additional charges. The DAC determined we could leave the language as is, and work with the charges for the school year.
- c. Meeting Dates were reviewed and one request was made; noted below
 - i. October 9th → Changed to 10/2 (10/9 is a holiday)
 - ii. November 13th
 - iii. December 11th
 - iv. January 8th
 - v. February 12th
 - vi. March 11th
 - vii. May 13th
 - viii. June 10th (if needed)

VIII. During final check in member Raven Kras asked if our DACs ever visit each other and can we do so? We discussed how SEDAC and our Early Learning DAC have a lot in common and we need to connect. Jon Kean had asked about visiting each other last year, so we will bring this up again.

IX. Adjournment was at 7:28pm