



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order made by Iao Katagiri at 6:06pm
- II. Member Roll Call:
  - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Iao Katagiri, Raven Kras, Laura Manson, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
  - b. Absent: Gary Huff, Kristina Lizama, Laurie Lieberman, Jon Kean
- III. Public Comments – no members present
- IV. General/Old Business
  - a. Action Item(s)
    - i. Approval of Minutes from 9/8/21 Meeting
      1. Motion made by Ivy Chang; Seconded by Laura Manson; all members present approved, except for Laura Manson who abstained due to her absence on 9/8.
    - ii. Adopt Resolution, per Brown Act for Committee Meetings, to meet virtually in the month of November due to a state and local emergency
      1. Motion made by Laura Manson; Seconded by Ivy Chang; all members present approved; Board member Smith and Staff member Samarge-Powell abstained
- V. Board Liaison report – Board member Jennifer Smith shared that there was a board meeting on 10/6; at that meeting the Assistant Superintendent in Educational Services as well as the Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation presented to the board on learning loss during the Distance Learning year. The overarching understanding was that students' learning loss was actually minimal. Though gains might not have been as much as desired, staff noted overall positive feelings regarding mitigating learning loss. Member Smith noted that our SMMUSD students were wrapped in a lot of support (both academic and emotional). A question was asked about who was most affected by DL; member Smith said she didn't have enough information to be able to answer with certainty. In addition, a sustainability updated was provided. Specifically noted that we had to convert back to regular power, in lieu of solar power, due to the increase in HVAC usage due to COVID. They are asking about how we are working on sustainability in our early learning spaces as well. Member Smith also noted the 10/21 board meeting would focus on COVID, and specifically regarding questions around mandating vaccines for age-eligible students. She also noted that the fees lawsuit was settled.



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VI. SMMUSD Staff Reports

- a. District Covid-19 Updates – Staff member Susan Samarge-Powell noted that all staff were required to be vaccinated, or have approved exemptions from the district by 9/30. As of 10/1, unvaccinated, or unapproved staff members could no longer be on campus. In addition, all preschools are participating in weekly COVID testing – and they’re doing really well! We’re very proud of the way our youngest have taken this on!
- b. ITC, PK, SAP Update – Susan requested that this be wrapped up in the draft info she would be discussing with members next; all members agreed.

VII. New Business (45)

- a. DAC Goals – Board Approved – Susan shared that the board approved our goals and there were no changes requested.
- b. Biannual Presentation to the School Board on 11/4 – Susan shared draft ideas with the DAC to get opinions on the plans. Susan noted that the first part was going to be specifically about CDS and what the program is looking like this year (relative to the Distance Learning year); in addition, general updates on Early Learning would be provided. In addition, Susan shared that the upcoming Universal Transitional Kindergarten that was signed by Governor Newsom is something all board members needed to know more about. She provided ideas about what they should be presented with and DAC members gave feedback on proposed ideas.
- c. DAC proposed date change for November. It was noted that 11/10 will be the County hearing at 6pm via zoom. It is anticipated that all board members (and some DAC members!) will need to be listening to this information. As such, the proposed date change was to move UP the DAC meeting to 11/3. All present members agreed that the date change was feasible and essential to move.
  - i. Remaining meetings were noted as 12/1, 1/5, 2/9, 3/9, 4/20 (special meeting if needed), 5/11, 6/15 (if needed)
  - ii. 6pm-7:30pm; Virtual or In-Person depending on community health

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment was made by Iao Katagiri at 8:21pm.

- If you will require an accommodation to participate in this activity, please notify us at least five