



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 5:30pm at CDS

- I. Call to Order made by Susan Samarge-Powell at 5:48pm
 - a. Present: Raven Kras, Laurie Lieberman, Laura Manson Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Jon Kean, Stacy Rouse
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business – Approval of the 10-4-23 Minutes by acclamation
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board member Lieberman shared that right now the board is simply working through regular items. The district had a Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) review and there are items we need to address; otherwise, school is in session and students are attending.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports –
 - a. Susan Samarge-Powell shared the updated charts on enrollment by program type. She discussed ITC, Preschool, School Age, and TK programs specifically and had added in the information about staffing needs/issues and other priorities
 - i. Right now, as is typical, staffing remains the highest priority.
 - ii. Conversation occurred again around recruitment such as looking for students at universities who might need residencies, out of state candidates, reach out to local universities to see how we can work together
 - iii. An additional conversation occurred around the idea of possibly determining how to set up scenarios where teachers have preschool in the morning, and school age programs in the afternoon. We also considered the idea of utilizing paras, or IAs, or other classified staff who might be interested in full time work to cover two types of positions
 - b. A discussion occurred around the ‘uncomfortable’ acknowledgement that we will see the annual \$1 million-dollar contribution from the district sunset. How do we ensure we get what we need while not overburdening the district?
 - i. Need to ensure conversations with board members occur in January so they understand what the contribution will need to look like far out into the future.
 - ii. The idea of bringing the ‘best case’ and ‘worst case’ scenarios was raised, so all know what to consider.
- VI. New Business
 - a. We shared that we are really discussing the work of our DAC charges!
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Remaining DAC dates for 2023-2024: 12/6, 1/10, 2/7, 3/6, 4/10, 5/1, 6/5 (if needed)
 - b. Member Swett shared that he is in talks with Virginia Avenue Park (VAP) and the Santa Monica Public Library (SMPL) to start up a ‘pre-literacy’ group or workshop with dads. Conversation to continue
- VIII. Adjournment – Susan Samarge-Powell closed the meeting at 6:44pm