



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 5:30pm at CDS

- I. Call to Order made by Susan Samarge-Powell at 5:34pm
 - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Laura Manson, Stacy Rouse, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Gary Huff, Jon Kean, Raven Kras, Laurie Lieberman
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business – Approval of the 11-8-23 Minutes by acclamation
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board member Rose shared that the Governor’s information about the budget had just come out; there will be a webinar on 1/11/24 for educators that should be watched by staff; the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) report continues to be reviewed so any issues can be addressed
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports –
 - a. Susan Samarge-Powell shared the charts on enrollment by program type from December. January information was not yet available. She discussed ITC, Preschool, School Age, and TK programs specifically and had added in the information about staffing needs/issues and other priorities
 - b. A discussion occurred again around the funding of CDS. Discussion was mostly around how to ensure the community (not just the school board) understand that the programs provided by CDS (ITC, PK, SAP) are not just important, but vital to the success of families in our cities
 - c. The goal is for funding to become more ‘institutionalized’ and less ‘discretionary’
 - d. Finally, Board member Rouse noted that we need to consider how to best compensate and support staff so people apply for work (because once they’re with us, they tend to remain). We need to think about incremental steps, but consider planning for the long term.
- VI. New Business
 - a. The DAC midterm report was reviewed and will be placed on the 2/1/24 board agenda for consent.
- VII. Announcements
 - a. Remaining DAC dates for 2023-2024: 3/6, 4/10, 5/1, 6/5 (if needed)
 - b. Member Swett shared about his startup workshop at VAP with dads. Soft opening occurred on 1/6, with a more formalized version to start on 1/13
- VIII. Adjournment – Susan Samarge-Powell closed the meeting at 6:37pm