



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order made by Susan Samarge-Powell at 6:11pm
 - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Raven Kras, Jennifer Smith, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Gary Huff, Jon Kean, Laurie Lieberman, Laura Manson
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business - Action Item – All in attendance approved the 12/7/22 minutes by acclimation.
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Member Jennifer Smith shared there would be a board retreat on 2/6/23 regarding governance of school boards. The board subcommittee is in the midst of looking for a search firm to hire the new superintendent; it is expected to have a firm by the end of January. The Facilities DAC met to discuss expanding facilities and early childhood was brought up. Upcoming budget discussions occurring soon; 2023-2024 school year budget will be approved in June.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports –
 - a. Susan Samarge-Powell noted:
 - ~Covid-19, RSV and flu cases remain present, though not as bad as early winter
 - ~CDS will be open during spring break; we will have one preschool site open at Washington West and one School Age site (with 3 classrooms) open at Rogers. We will be open 4 days each of the break weeks
 - ~The midyear report is due soon so we need to discuss (during new business)
 - ~Susan has been designated to design and implement the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) for the district. This program is to serve Unduplicated students (of whom the district has just over 1,000) up to 9 hours of a day with additional learning and enrichment opportunities for every school day, plus 30 intercession days.
- VI. New Business
 - a. The Midyear report was discussed; it was noted that we should include ITC and School Age Programs in our reports as they are a part of Child Development Services and Early Learning. It was also noted that the information should be brief and to the point, explaining what we do and why the work is important
- VII. Announcements –
 - a. Member Kras reminded us to ensure our presentations are ADA friendly
 - b. Member Chang reminded us of the homeless count on 1/25/23; people can sign up at: <https://www.santamonica.gov/santa-monica-homeless-count>
- VIII. Adjournment – Susan Samarge-Powell closed the meeting at 7:23pm.