



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

5:30pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order – made by Iao at 5:34pm; Present: Gary Huff, Iao Katagiri, Jon Kean, Natasha Kingscote, Raven Kras, Laura Manson, Susan Samarge-Powell, Ben Swett; Absent: Laurie Lieberman
- II. Public Comments - None
- III. Approval of Minutes and General/Old Business – Minutes approved as written.
- IV. Board Information
 - a. Liaison Report – Board President Jon Kean shared that the board is focused most closely on reopening schools. SMMCTA negotiations were taking place and the board is looking for something solid to complete the school year. Hoping to have something for the 2021-22 school year as well. Vaccinations are also a big topic – the district is working with St. Johns and a nice partnership has formed. Hoping for an announcement soon from the Governor about educators and vaccinations. LACOE is saying we should not require vaccinations yet, but this may be something SMMUSD decides to do in the future. There will be a 2/24 facilities board meeting; would be important for Early Learning voices to be heard.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports (30)
 - i. In-School Work Hubs Update –
 1. Hubs continue; by 2/18 we will have 11 hub classrooms open, including one at LMS and two at JAMS; all staffed by CDS teachers and assistants. All will continue through at least spring break, but likely longer depending on the district's plans.
 2. Opened hubs to families in need (in addition to high priority groups); staff have made recommendations and families have asked for assistance.
 - ii. ITC, PK, SAP Update
 1. ITC opened on 2/1; have 5 toddlers plus 2 more enrolling
 2. PK opened on 2/1; have 20 students in two classrooms
 3. PK will continue with 90 students on Distance Learning
 4. PK still considering part-day classrooms, but unsure of interest
 5. SAP will remain on Distance Learning until further notice



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VI. New Business (10)

- a. State Monitoring for 2020-2021 – will occur the week of 4/12; originally scheduled for 4/5, but since we are on spring break, they said the following week would okay; however all items need to be uploaded before we go on break; this will be a virtual visit with all documents required to be uploaded electronically
- b. DAC Mid-Year Report – reviewed the 2019-2020 report; after a discussion, DAC members agreed we should keep the same charges but note that with the pandemic there were many ways in which we were affected. DAC members stated that we should share how we have been able to ‘normalize operations’ to the greatest degree possible. Then, remind everyone in the report of our intent to return to pre-pandemic programming as soon as is feasible. Please see the report for additional information
- c. Remaining DAC dates for 2020-2021 (6pm – 7:30pm):
 - i. 4/14, 5/12, 6/9 (if needed)

VII. Announcements – Board Member lao Katagiri discussed how there may be a potential connection with SMC to use their Bundy campus as a large vaccination site; stay tuned for ways we can support this!

VIII. Adjournment at 6:27pm

- If you will require an accommodation to participate in this activity, please notify us at least five days before the event.
- Si usted necesita que se hagan arreglos para que participe en esta reunion, por favor, comuniquese con las esculea de su hijo/a or el distrito 5 dias antes de la reunion.