



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2020
5:00pm – 6:00pm

- I. Call to Order – made by Iao Katagiri at 5:05pm
In attendance – Gary Huff, Iao Katagiri, Jon Kean, Natasha Kingscote, Raven Kras, Laurie Lieberman, Kristina Lizama, Laura Manson, Susan Samarge-Powell
Absent – Ben Swett
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business – None
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Members Lieberman and Kean noted that this is a unique time for all in Education. Board member Kean noted that due to COVID there was likely to be some one-time savings in the district, so the budget conversation about our finances was now different. It was likely our “closing” of the 19-20 school year books would be closer to being balanced than we had originally thought. Both board members said they wanted to hear more about CDS and the current status.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports
 - a. Program Updates – Dr. Susan Samarge-Powell shared that CDS is working with the district, and all programs (ITC, Preschool and School Age Programs) are physically closed, but open for Distance Learning.
 - i. 3 students are enrolled in ITC; 110 students enrolled in Preschool; 75 students enrolled in School Age Programs
 - ii. Programs have only been open 2 weeks, but PK is going well; ITC remains small and SAP programs have very low enrollment – learning that most don’t want to come on to another zoom meeting after their school zoom classes. We are trying to think of alternative ways to help students and keep them engaged.
 - b. Dr. Samarge-Powell noted that the state subsidized programs have certain requirements, but the state still hadn’t provided the guidelines; CDS is hopeful that our work will be above the baseline and we should be fine with regards to state expectations.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Dr. Samarge-Powell will be presenting at the RAND conference on Monday, 9/14. She shared the presentation with DAC to receive any feedback about how SMMUSD CDS is providing Distance Learning experiences for their students; and how we are thinking about returning to campuses (when allowed)
- VII. Announcements –
 - a. Member Katagiri announced that the RAND conference will take place on Monday, 9/14 via Zoom and there were just about 150 participants signed up.
 - b. Next meeting will take place on Weds. 10/14 at 6pm via Zoom.
- VIII. Adjournment was at 5:58pm