



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order made by Chairperson Iao Katagiri at 6:06pm
 - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Iao Katagiri, Raven Kras, Laura Manson, Ben Swett, Board Member Jennifer Smith, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Kristina Lizama, Board Members Laurie Lieberman, Jon Kean
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business - Action Item – All present members approved of Minutes from 10/13/21 Meeting
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Member Jennifer Smith shared that at the most recent Board meeting on 11/21 the focus was primarily on COVID-19. The updates included good feedback that positive transmission has not occurred at school sites. We do have positive cases, but they are not spreading at or through schools. In addition, people seem happy with the current status of protocols in place.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports – Susan Samarge-Powell provided District Covid-19 Updates, specifically around ITC, Preschool and School Age programs. Susan shared that testing continues at all levels (except ITC) and students and families have adjusted very well to the process. She also noted that while students ages 5-11 are now eligible for vaccinations, students in ITC and Preschool are not yet eligible and we must continue to use strict protocols and safety measures.
- VI. New Business - Susan presented a final review of the Early Learning Presentation that she will share with the School Board on 11/4. The highlights include updating on ITC, preschool and SAP programming as well as historical and current information. The second part had to do with updating the School Board on potential Universal Transitional Kindergarten rollout issues and needs. The major points are that nothing in Universal TK is completely set, and we have more work and research to do. There will be more to come.
 - i. Remaining meetings 12/1, 1/5, 2/9, 3/9, 4/20 (special meeting if needed), 5/11, 6/15 (if needed)
 - ii. 6pm-7:30pm; Virtual or In-Person depending on community health
- VII. Announcements- none
- VIII. Adjournment – Chairperson Iao Katagiri closed the meeting at 7:55pm.