



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee MINUTES
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom

- I. Call to Order made by Chairperson Iao Katagiri at 6:10pm
 - a. Present: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Iao Katagiri, Raven Kras, Laura Manson, Board Member Jon Kean, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
 - b. Absent: Laurie Lieberman, Kristina Lizama, Jennifer Smith
- II. Public Comments – None
- III. General/Old Business - Action Item – Ben Swett made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/5/22 meeting after recommending correcting the date of the minutes from the December meeting. All present members approved by acclimation.
- IV. Board Liaison report – Board Member Jon Kean shared that the board recently had a good discussion about data, and how to demonstrate progress of students to families and the community. He also discussed how the board approved moving TK-12 schools into modified quarantines, which is positive because it keeps more students on campus. However, the concern is now it doesn't encourage people to get vaccinated.
- V. SMMUSD Staff Reports – Susan Samarge-Powell provided District Covid-19 Updates, specifically around ITC, Preschool and School Age programs. Susan shared that while School Age children were now able to quarantine in school for Covid exposures, students in the ITC and preschools were not. While preschoolers could do a 5-day shortened quarantine with antigen testing to return, ITC children needed to remain out for the full 10 days. In addition, the positive person still needs to be out for the full 10-day isolation period. This is challenging as our families pay for ITC and preschool. Families have been kind, however, and only a few have been vocal about their frustration.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Midyear Report - The DAC reviewed the final draft, and made recommendations around some of the language in Charge 1 and 2, but no major content changes. The board will review and approve at the February board meeting
 - b. UPK update – Susan shared that the state has now come out with a template for UPK planning and the district will be required to respond to questions in 5 key focus areas: Vision and Coherence; Community Engagement and Partnerships; Workforce recruitment and Professional Learning; Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; LEA Facilities, Services, and Operations. In addition, the district is to seek out community input during the spring. Thus far, Susan is scheduled to speak at the DELAC, LCAP PAC, and has requested to meet with the BAAPAC. Deanna Sinfield has already met with SEDAC, but Susan will see if she can meet with them as well. She will also speak at the Early Childhood Task Force, and will



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reach out to the SMMUSD PTA Council. IT was determined that better, more specific information would likely be gathered at the local meetings rather than in one school board meeting. There may also be a chance to use a “button” on the “Let’s Talk Page” around UPK for district families to utilize. This is still being considered. Susan said she would notify DAC members when she was planning to speak at the meetings.

Next meeting dates are: 3/9, 4/20 (if needed), 5/11, 6/15 (if needed)

VII. Announcements- none

VIII. Adjournment – Chairperson Iao Katagiri closed the meeting at 7:36pm.