

Irvine Unified School District

Education Advisory Committee Minutes

December 6, 2018

Thursday, 6:03 p.m.

Administrative Center

5050 Barranca Parkway

Irvine, CA 92604

- Call to Order:** Terry Walker called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via sign-in sheet
- Members Present:** Archana Jain, Beatrice Tseng-Chen, Cassie Parham, Diane Kim, Elise Tenen-Aoki, Emily Bucago, Jodie Hoffman, Mike Genest, Nelly Tsai, Sandi Lester, Terry Walker
- Members Absent:** Allison Shi, Aniela Lynn Bokota, Divya Ponniah, Hugh Hewitt, Janelle Cranch, Kathy Michaels, Marcela Majia-Martinez, Mary Kelly, Neiman Araque, Sofia Chambers, Teri Sorey, Yanina Feinerman
- Staff Present:** Annie Brown, Alan Schlichting, Keith Tuominen, Stan Machesky
- Next Meeting Date:** TBD pending the Board of Education organizational meeting
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Sandi Lester and seconded by Beatrice Tseng-Chen.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as amended. Passed with a motion by Jodie Hoffman and seconded by Elise Tenen-Aoki.
- Round Table Discussion:** Parent concerns about grading and assessment inconsistencies from site to site and classroom to classroom were discussed.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **IUSD.org Website Review**
Annie Brown, Public Information Officer, shared an overview of the updates and enhancements made to the IUSD website based on feedback previously provided by the EAC.

Following the presentation, committee members navigated through the IUSD website using a set of questions and tracking their search path, to locate the answers. Next they

broke out into small groups to discuss their top three recommendations for enhancing the website, based on their search activity.

Responses will be compiled and sent to committee members.

- **Speak Up, We Care Campaign**

Alan Schlichting, Executive Director of Student Support Services, gave an update on the kickoff of the Speak Up, We Care campaign; the campaign web page is up and running, posters are up in classrooms, signs are up around campus, and the messages are out to families, students, and the community.

Alan Schlichting shared several stories of opportunities for support where students have reached out and stories of school sites bringing their staff together for activities to help them better understand how they can be involved. Keith Tuominen, Executive Director of Secondary Education, shared that several middle school principals have been approached by students with concerns about their friends.

Alan Schlichting shared that phase #2 has also kicked off and will run for December, January, and February with a theme of “Be Kind” and that IUSD is linking with OCDE’s “Billion Acts of Kindness” campaign.

- **Sharing Parent, Student, and Staff Campaign Feedback**

Jodie Hoffman shared that many parents at her school site did not know exactly what the campaign was. Elise Tenen-Aoki asked how high school students are receiving and responding to this campaign. Cassie Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, shared feedback from student Board member Nieman Araque who was unable to attend. Annie Brown shared Student Advisory Committee feedback.

- **Top three recommendations for improving outreach:**

Committee members participated in a discussion to identify the top recommendations for improving outreach for the campaign.

Responses will be compiled and sent to committee members.

- **Suggested Topics for Future Discussion**

Overview of IUSD assessment and grading practices.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on a motion made by Beatrice Tseng, and seconded by Jodie Hoffman.