

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
February 16, 2023
Thursday, 3:30 PM
Venado Middle School Wellness Center

- Call to Order:** Cassie Parham called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via introduction
- Appointees Present:** Kevork Abazajian, Mary Anne Foo, Marcy Garrett, Cassie Parham, Erika Saito, Kristi Smemoe, Connie Stone,
- Appointees Absent:** Kelly Carter, Tina Chiang, Kendie Schlecht, Terry Walker, Manuella Yassa
- Additional Attendees:** Ida Ahola, Mannat Bawa, Madyson Chung-Lee, Sonia Kearney, Esther Morales
- Staff Present:** Shalonda Abubakar, Annie Brown, Natalie Baptiste, Tammy Blakely, Catherine Holmes, Stan Machesky, Maureen Muir, Lauren Sipelis, Erin Timberman, Keith Tuominen
- Next Meeting Date:** May 18, 2023
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Connie Stone and seconded by Marcy Garrett.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Connie Stone and seconded by Mary Anne Foo.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **Introduction to the IUSD Parent Center**
 - Erin Timberman, Coordinator of Parent and Family Engagement, introduced EAC members to the IUSD Parent Center and the resources available to families.
- **Language Development Program**
 - Natalie Baptiste, Director of Language Development Program, shared the work of LDP and how the department supports IUSD's English learner population and their community.

- **Advanced Learning and Differentiation**
 - Lauren Sipelis, Director of Advanced Learning and Differentiation, spoke with the members about the work of Equity, Excellence, Diversity and Inclusion (EEDI) in IUSD.
- **LGBTQ Community Support Specialist**
 - Maureen Muir, LGBTQ+ Community Support/Mental Health Specialist, described the work she is doing to support LGBTQ+ students, schools, and our community.
- **Black African American Community Support Specialist**
 - Shalonda Ibrahim-Abubakar, Black/African American Community Support/Mental Health Specialist,

Roundtable Discussion: M. Garrett shared about the Irvine High School Multicultural event. K. Abazajian spoke about the CDC’s report on the mental health of teen girls. M. Muir shared ways IUSD is supporting teen girls and their families and T. Blakely explained IUSD’s focus on supporting our students most in need and the work being done to support their success. K. Tuominen shared examples of specific programs IUSD schools utilize to support students, their families, and the community. I. Ahola spoke about student reactions to the unfounded threat of violence at Northwood High School.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. on a motion made by Marcy Garrett and seconded by Connie Stone.