

Irvine Unified School District

Education Advisory Committee Minutes

February 11, 2016

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Administrative Center

5050 Barranca Parkway

Irvine, CA 92604

- Call to Order:** Cassie Parham called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via sign-in sheet
- Members Present:** Betty Carroll, Christine Haley, Jodie Hoffman, Sandi Lester, Kathy Michels, Cassie Parham, Connie Stone, Karina Sun, Elise Tenen-Aoki, Beatrice Tseng, Paula Venable
- Members Absent:** Janelle Cranch, Courtney Fassett, Yanina Feinerman, Hugh Hewitt, Samantha Kosai, Marcela Majia-Martinez, Susana Sarmiento, Sarah Verdegan, Terry Walker
- Staff Present:** Alan Schlichting, Keith Tuominen
- Next Meeting Date:** April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Rooms
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members shared items of current interest or importance to them.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Sandi Lester and a second by Beatrice Tseng.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Beatrice Tseng and a second by Kathy Michels.

Roundtable Discussion

- Concern was expressed relative to how the implementation of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) might affect students, particularly at the middle school level. Assistant Superintendent Cassie Parham explained that, unlike Math Pathways which were developed under a more compressed timeline, the NGSS would be implemented

more gradually over the course of the next three years. Christine Haley shared that the English Language Arts standards were implemented over a similar three year timeline and that the transition has been virtually seamless.

- Concern was also expressed about the lack of information parents have received surrounding NGSS. Cassie Parham shared that the NGSS Implementation Committee is in the very initial stages of its work and has a series of meetings scheduled which need to occur before there will be specific details/decisions to share. We will provide updates to our community as soon as we have begun to identify and narrow down options for curriculum and course sequencing. Vehicle(s) for communication (i.e., whether we will need parent nights) has yet to be determined.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **Structure / Purpose of the Education Advisory Committee**

Committee members divided into groups to respond to the following questions then participated in a “gallery walk” to review other group’s responses.

- What worked well about the Committee this past year?
- What topic(s) would you like the Committee to focus on this coming year?
- What suggestions do you have for different structures or formats to maximize the efficacy of our group?

Gallery walk was followed by a debriefing. Committee members noted there were common themes and many similar responses.

Cassie Parham stated that the information the committee generated will be shared with the Board and discussed at the February 16 Board meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. on a motion made by Betty Carroll and seconded by Beatrice Tseng.