

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
June 23, 2016
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604

- Call to Order:** Terry Walker called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via sign-in sheet
- Members Present:** Aidan Arasasingham, Betty Carroll, Yanina Feinerman, Stacie Grooters, Jodie Hoffman, Sandi Lester, Marcela Majia-Martinez, Kathy Michels, Cassie Parham, Tracey Rinard, Connie Stone, Ethan Suh, Elise Tenen-Aoki, Terry Walker
- Members Absent:** Janelle Cranch, Hugh Hewitt, Allie Hunter, Cara LeVasseur, Henry Miller, Steve Sewell, Beatrice Tseng
- Staff Present:** Annie Brown, Brianne Ford, Melinda Glowacki, Lisa Gordon, Stan Machesky, Keith Tuominen, Kristen Winn
- Next Meeting Date:** August 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Rooms
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Elise Tenen-Aoki and a seconded by Betty Carroll.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Jodie Hoffman and a seconded by Sandi Lester.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **Communication Tools**
Chief Technology Officer, Brie Ford, and Public Information Officer, Annie Brown, provided an overview of existing communication tools available to support students, parents, community and staff. Information relative to staff and parent trainings supported by Ed Tech TOSAs was also shared.

Annie shared information re: IUSD's website redevelopment project. The goal is to create and maintain visually impactful, responsive and accessible websites for IUSD and our schools.

Committee members expressed concern about some lack of consistency in communication tools use among schools particularly when communicating with parents. Naviance was cited as one such example – a powerful, but underutilized counseling tool; some parents were unfamiliar with attributes and assets of the program.

Committee members then divided into small groups to respond to the following questions:

- What is working?
- What are some ways that the district can better communicate?
- What information is helpful and important to parents?
- Who do parents most want to hear from? District, principal, teacher?
- What preferences do our audiences have for communications?
 - Push (email, newsletters, text messages, voice messages)
 - Pull (website, social media)

After generating responses, committee members then participated in a “gallery walk” to review other group’s responses noting there were some common themes.

Cassie Parham shared that the responses generated by the committee will be compiled and shared with the committee as well as Board of Education members.

- **NGSS Update**

In lieu of full presentation, Kristen Winn provided brief overview of the work accomplished thus far by the NGSS Implementation Committee (comprised of science specialists, counselors, IUSD administrators, parents, higher education reps, etc.) and the NGSS Development Committee (teachers and administrators).

California adopted NGSS in 2012 with full implementation by 2018-19. IUSD will not implement any changes during the 2016-17 school year and will engage in a thoughtful and thorough process in terms of course development (that includes instructional agreements) and materials selection.

K-8 schools opted to implement integrated science model (physical, life and earth science) every year. High schools could opt for modified domain (3-year model) or “every science every year,” a more integrated course of study.

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Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. on a motion made by Marcela Majia-Martinez and seconded by Sandi Lester.