

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
May 20, 2021
Thursday, 3:00 PM
Via Zoom

Call to Order:	Terry Walker called the virtual meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
Roll Call:	Attendance taken via introduction
Members Present:	Kevork Abazajian, Kelly Carter, , Sarice Grushkin, Jodie Hoffman, Jim Leung, Cathryn Mah, Cassie Parham, Connie Stone, Terry Walker, Manuella Yassa
Members Absent:	Janelle Cranch, Phoebe Lo-Wang, Teri Sorey
Next Meeting Date:	September 23, 2021
Check-in:	Committee and staff members introduced themselves.
Approval of Minutes:	Approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Cathryn Mah, and seconded by Manuella Yassa.
Adoption of the Agenda:	Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Kev Abazajian and seconded by Jodie Hoffman.
Roundtable Discussion:	Jim L. shared the collaborative work between PTA and IUSD regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Manuella O. suggested sharing opportunities for IUSD families to provide feedback either through the IUSD website or a short survey link at the bottom of each district communication.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **Which aspects of our communication have been most effective?**
 - Parent Information evenings have been very helpful, especially during these times.
 - By IUSD providing the opportunity for parents to choose an academic model for their student for the 2021-2022 school year, parents felt heard and enabled families to begin planning.
 - Countywide or national news events that affect our communities have been addressed timely.
 - PTA is providing access to recorded presentations given to IUCPTA on current topics and district programs.

- **What more we could do to support communication with our families?**
 - Parents in the community are requesting more information about next year.
 - With the high demand for information, updating the community more frequently, even just to let them know that IUSD is aware of guideline changes or that you are working on it, would help ease fears and curtail misinformation.
 - Monitoring social media to provide accurate information or guide toward the location of accurate information could help curtail the spread of misinformation.
 - Length of IUSD emails is a source of frustration for some parents in the community. Suggestions for easing frustration of email saturation:
 - Cliff notes or boxed main point at the top of community emails
 - Principal emails can be sent to encourage families to read the district emails as they are sent out
 - PTA would like to provide a library of information and resources for families.
 - For fall 2021 a good focus would be on rebuilding community within a school and within the district as a whole.
 - More communication around diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - The June 15th California reopen date will likely generate a lot of questions. Providing a pre-update that information regarding changes to guidelines for IUSD will be coming shortly, could calm the anxiety of families waiting to hear what the plan will be.
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. on a motion made by Jim Leung and seconded by Catheryn Mah.