

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
February 16, 2017
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604

- Call to Order:** Terry Walker called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via sign-in sheet
- Members Present:** Aidan Arasasingham, Yanina Feinerman, Stacie Grooters, Hugh Hewitt, Jodie Hoffman, Diane Kim, Sandi Lester, Marcela Majia-Martinez, Kathy Michels, Henry Miller, Cassie Parham, Connie Stone (for Tracey Rinard), Elise Tenen-Aoki, Beatrice Tseng, Terry Walker
- Members Absent:** Janelle Cranch, Mike Genest, Priscilla Hui, Allie Hunter, Cara LeVasseur, Tracey Rinard, Steve Sewell, Teri Sorey, Ethan Suh
- Staff Present:** Annie Brown, Lisa Gordon, Catherine Holmes, Stan Machesky, Alan Schlichting, Keith Tuominen, Kristen Winn
- Next Meeting Date:** April 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Rooms
- Check-in:** Terry Walker shared charge and primary focus of the EAC. Committee and staff members introduced themselves. Returning members were asked to share a highlight from past experiences; new members asked to share what they are looking forward to.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Elise Tenen-Aoki and seconded by Beatrice Tseng.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Sandi Lester and seconded by Yanina Feinerman.
- Round Table Discussion:** Something to look into in the future: question was raised as to whether or not Common Core will be repealed.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **Presentation / Discussion NGSS Communication Plan**
Annie Brown, Public Information Officer, and Kristen Winn, Director/STEM, presented newly developed NGSS website. Website and video incorporated input/feedback from Education Advisory Committee members. Feedback from group demonstrated the

desire to understand the “why.” Website is intended to be a resource for parents to understand the instructional shifts represented and what IUSD course progressions will look like.

Cassie Parham shared that the first source of information regarding curriculum and instruction is always our schools – principals and teachers. Purpose of website is to help parents understand the rationale for changes and what the implications of those changes are for students.

After a “tour” of the web pages, committee members used Chromebooks to peruse NGSS website. They were asked to look at it through the lens of four questions:

- What information is *most* helpful to you?
- What *additional* information might be helpful to include?
- What *aspects* of the format and organization of the website worked well?
- What *suggestions* would you have for improving the format and/or organization of the site?

Committee members previewed NGSS video. They then divided into small groups to provide collective feedback using four prompts.

- **Additional Commentary / Topics for Future Discussion**

Members shared insights about process. Phenomenal input, customized communication, valuable work. Terry Walker encouraged members to email additional thoughts/suggestions re: NGSS website/video. Annie Brown will send link to NGSS website and video to committee.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Beatrice Tseng and seconded by Hugh Hewitt.