

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
September 23, 2021
Thursday, 3:00 PM

- Call to Order:** Terry Walker called the virtual meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via introduction
- Members Present:** Kevork Abazajian, Kelly Carter, Tina Chiang, Sonia Fereidooni, Jim Leung, Cathryn Mah, Kaylee Na, Cassie Parham, Connie Stone, Terry Walker, Manuella Yassa
- Members Absent:** Janelle Cranch, Sarice Grushkin, Jodie Hoffman, Teri Sorey
- Next Meeting Date:** December 9, 2021, 3:00 PM
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members introduced themselves.
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Cathryn Mah, and seconded by Connie Stone.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Kev Abazajian and seconded by Connie Stone.
- Roundtable Discussion:** Member Kelly C. shared that there is some confusion about the Say Something app. Some parents and students are under the impression that the app is only to be used for concerns of suicide and would like clarification to be shared if other topics can be submitted. Student Board Member Kaylee N. shared that students could become more empowered through the expanded use of the Say Something app. Member Jim L. shared IUCPTA's "How to Communicate with IUSD " communication support document for parents. The document details the steps a parent should take if they have questions or concerns. It shares the different groups and committees parents can join or look to for support. Feedback was shared from EAC members and IUSD staff. Student Board Member, Sonia F. shared concerns about the lack of social distancing in student sections at high school football games. Member Manuella Y. asked if IUSD is considering adding an LGBTQ+ Community Liaison.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- Which aspects of our communication have been most effective?
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- **What more could we do to support communication with our families?**
 - Provide clarification regarding the confusion some parents are experiencing with different interpretations of the symptom tree document.
 - Share our low to no transmission information within the IUSD school community.
 - Share the percentage numbers of fully vaccinated staff.
 - Regarding contract tracing:
 - Auto calls and/or text messages alerting parents to check their email for more information.
 - Request for calls to be made in parents' home language?
- **Future Topics**
 - Equity, Excellence, Diversity, and Inclusion
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. on a motion made by Cathryn Mah and seconded by Manuella Yassa.