

Irvine Unified School District
Education Advisory Committee Minutes
September 29, 2022
Thursday, 3:00 PM
District Office Board Room

- Call to Order:** Terry Walker called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via introduction
- Members Present:** Kelly Carter, Jodie Hoffman, Jim Leung, Cathryn Mah, Esther Morales, Cassie Parham, Kendie Schlecht, Kristi Smemoe, Shrinidhi Sriram, Terry Walker
- Members Absent:** Kevork Abazajian, Janelle Cranch, Tina Chiang, Sonia Kearney, Connie Stone, Manuella Yassa
- Staff Present:** Stan Machesky, Sunny Shen, Keith Tuominen
- Next Meeting Date:** December 1, 2022, 3:00 PM
- Check-in:** Committee and staff members introduced themselves
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Cathryn Mah and seconded by Jim Leung.
- Adoption of the Agenda:** Adopt agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Cathryn Mah and seconded by Kristi Smemoe.

Education Advisory Committee Business

- **District Communications: Supporting Student Mental Health and Wellness through Professional Learning**
 - Ms. Parham, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services presented an overview of professional learning in IUSD.
 - She shared the professional learning day content from our August staff development day.
 - The focus of inclusive and welcoming environments in the classrooms where students feel safe and seen and heard was very well received by staff.
- **District Communications: Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning**
 - Ms. Shen, Director of Prevention & Intervention walked the members through the Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning supports available on the IUSD website under the IUSD.org/prevention webpage.

- **EAC members shared feedback and suggestions on the following questions:**
 - Which mental health and social emotional learning resources did you find most helpful?
 - Were there other resources that you believe we need to include?
 - How might we help ensure that our parent community understands all of the resources available to staff, students, and families?

Roundtable Discussion: Ms. Parham and Mr. Walker shared about the opening of the IUSD Parent Engagement Center and through a collaboration with CHOC, the new wellness spaces that have been built at four of our secondary sites, as well as the plans to build them at all secondary sites soon. Miss Sriram discussed the work of the Hope Squad at Woodbridge High School.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m. on a motion made by Cathryn Mah and seconded by Kelly Carter.