



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Early Care and Development District Advisory Committee – MINUTES
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 5:30pm

- I. Call to Order @ 5:35pm
Present: Ivy Chang, Gary Huff, Laura Manson, Raven Kras, Ben Swett, Susan Samarge-Powell
Absent: Laurie Lieberman, Stacy Rouse
- II. Public Comments - None
- III. General/Old Business – None – but the DAC did a “go around” to discuss how everyone was entering the space tonight.
- IV. Board Liaison report – None
- V. Staff Updates
 - a. Susan shared enrollment information for ITC, Preschool, School Age Programs (SAP), RAS with Edison and Franklin, and ELOP
- VI. New Business –
 - a. The DAC Mid-Year report was reviewed. Considerations to be made:
 - i. A reminder discussion took place about charge 1. It had been added as a result of our work with School Age Programs (SAP), Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)
 - ii. Charge 2 was discussed and the idea of the various forms of “visibility” was a part of the conversation. We discussed marketing outreach, and thinking of ways to share the strong parts of our program
 - iii. We also discussed how the visibility should include all parts of our program (the environment, the staff, the programming, etc..) and we should have visuals to help people see/understand what we’re doing.
 - iv. The recommendation of doing videos and utilizing social media was made.
 - v. Our staff TK presentations were also discussed and we are considering ways to make those appropriately placed on the website for families to be able to view.
 - vi. Ben reminded us that we need to ensure everyone knows that not only are we interested in remaining fiscally viable, we want to ensure all understand we have excellence in early learning!
- VII. Announcements
 - a. The CSPP program (preschool) will have a formal program review in April, 2026; the CCTR programs (ITC and SAP) will have a formal program review in May, 2026; the DAC may be interviewed as our Advisory Council



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- b. Gary shared that SMC is the FIRST community college to be approved by CTC to become a sponsoring agency to get a teaching credential. First consideration will be for the CTE in arts/media education. GO SMC!
 - c. Susan asked if anyone had a preference regarding the 3/25 meeting and if it should be changed to 3/18. Everyone was fine with either date
- VIII. Adjournment @ 6:47pm