



SANTA MONICA - MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF LCAP DISTRICT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE AND PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28th, 2026 - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Virtual

- Welcome (5 min) - Dr. Ashley Benjamin started the meeting at 4:03 pm
 - Presenter Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- Introductions of committee members –
Attendees – Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Jim Wang, Carmen Durand, Deborah Lukic, Douglas Meza, Victoria Hurst, Patty Hernandez, Alyssa O’Grady, Bertha Roman, Erin Hill-Dinielli, Cindy Smith, Gerardo Cruz, Chelsea Burris, Dr. Devon Smith, Casper Casparian, Benjamin Dee-Shapland, Anita Juan, Samantha Carpenter, Ryan Madeirosman, Dr. Frank Dussan, Monica Limon - Interpreter, Alex Zajdman, Interpreter, Victor Frozdich, Annie, Caitlin Lili, Wade Major, Johanna Kracke, Sarika, Anne Waralamont, Jim Kennedy.
- Review Norms and Explanation of LCAP (3-Year LCAP Cycle)- Dr. Ashley Benjamin
- Review Progress on the LCAP Actions
 - Dr. Ashley Benjamin presented the LCAP Goals for Olympic HS
 - Dr. Ashley Benjamin presented the District Priorities and a summary from the last meeting, Today's Updates and Looking Ahead.
 - Gerardo Cruz presented Fiscal Services and Maintenance. Metrics, Action Title, Celebrations, Planned Next Steps. (Group 1)
 - Gerardo Cruz presented Facility Improvement Projects
 - Malibu High School- New Building
 - Malibu Middle and High School - MS Hub, Gym, Aquatics Center
 - Samohi- Phase 4 Design/Permitting
 - Ocean Pack Neighborhood School
 - McKinley Elementary School -Administration/Classroom Building
 - Grant Elementary School - Library Expansion/Modernization, Classroom Building
 - Lincoln Middle School- 8th Grade Science Hub (500s)
 - Roosevelt Elementary School - Early Education/Library Building
 - John Adams Middle School-STEM Building
 - Franklin Elementary School- Early Education Building
 - Dr. Ashley Benjamin presented about Reclassification. Metrics, Action Title, Celebrations, Planned Next Steps (Group 2)
 - Victoria Hurst presented about Special Education. Metrics, Action Title, Celebrations, Planned Next Steps. (Group 3)

- Dr. Ashley Benjamin presented about Transformative Approaches and shared about Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Restorative Justice (RJ) The Metrics, Action Title, Celebrations, Planned Next Steps. (Group 4 and Group 5)
- Dr. Ashley Benjamin presented a Guaranteed Viable Curriculum. Metrics, Action Title, Celebrations, Planned Next Steps. (Group 6)
- Breakout Room Discussions - 30 minutes
 - Everyone was assigned to a breakout room to discuss the Progress of the LCAP Actions. (3-Year LCAP Cycle)
 - Each breakout room returned to the larger group to share a summary of their discussion regarding the progress presented. A designated member (or volunteer) from each room provided a brief overview of the data and highlighted key observations based on their group's interpretation.
 - Group 1 – Gerardo Cruz - No comments
 - Group 2 – Deborah Lukic and Naz Riquelme - No comments
 - Group 3 – Victoria Hurst - No comments
 - Group 4 & 5 – Dr. Ashley Benjamin
 - Discussed the metrics and how they are tracked over time.
 - Reviewed goals to be achieved by the end of Year 3.
 - Shared that over the course of the three-year cycle, Dr. Alyssa O'Grady presents the metrics at Board meetings.
 - Group 6 – Bertha Roman
 - Discussed curriculum, math adoptions, and MTSS.
 - Reported that their group had meaningful and productive conversations.

Minutes – Group 4: Transformative Approaches

(Group 4 and Group 5 were combined)

- Dr. Benjamin encouraged parents to watch more of the Board meeting recordings to gain additional information. She shared that the recordings also include sections where community members can submit input, allowing the district to gather more parent feedback related to the LCAP.
- A parent asked, "What is a Learning Walk?"
 - Dr. Benjamin explained that a Learning Walk is a 10–15 minute classroom walk-through to observe teaching and learning.
 - Observations are then used to guide planning and next steps.
- A parent asked about the attendance-tracking software that had been mentioned in the previous meeting and whether the district had purchased a new system.
 - Dr. Benjamin explained that the district currently uses A2A, which connects to the student information system and automatically generates attendance letters.
 - For example:
 - 3 unexcused absences generate the first letter.

– A second letter triggers a parent conference request.

- A parent asked questions about Celebrations, including how progress is measured and what metrics are used.
 - Dr. Benjamin explained that the district uses a variety of metrics and tools, including audit reports, the FIT Tool for each school, work-order completion data, Reclassification metrics, ELPAC and other assessments, and Dashboard Accountability data.
 - The California Dashboard provides a clear reading of school-site performance.
 - She reviewed the LCAP outcomes across the three-year cycle (Year 1 Outcome, Year 2 Outcome, Year 3 Outcome) and how progress is monitored annually.
- Dr. Benjamin asked parents if they had feedback or suggestions for future meetings.
- A parent asked about enrollment numbers, specifically whether TK enrollment is increasing.
 - Dr. Benjamin shared that enrollment is growing and asked Dr. O’Grady to provide the current numbers.
 - A parent then asked if this information is publicly accessible.
 - Dr. Benjamin confirmed that enrollment information is available in the November Board Meeting presentation and recording, which can be accessed by the public.
- A parent asked if they could view school-site level information.
 - Dr. Benjamin replied that all information is public, including SIPSA documents, and anyone may access them.
- A parent asked about a specific communication platform used at their school.
 - Dr. Benjamin was not familiar with the platform mentioned.
 - Parents from Edison and Grant shared that their schools use the same tool.
 - Dr. Benjamin stated she would look into which communication platforms are being used across school sites.
- Closure
 - Thank you everyone for your time
- Review Meeting Dates
 - LCAP Community Input Meeting
 - ◆ Date: May 6, 20206
 - ◆ Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - ◆ Location: Zoom
 - ◆ Topic: *Feedback on the LCAP Draft*
 - Next meeting Date:
 - ◆ Date: June 3, 20206
 - ◆ Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - ◆ Location: Zoom
 - ◆ Topic: *Review Draft LCAP*
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 pm