



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

August 28, 2019

Irvine Civic Center
Conference and Training Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Johnson-Norris.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: 13 Luz Arellano
Wendy Bakota
Brooke Cazier
Dina Eletreby*
Diane Gale**
Lily Freeman
Christine Ito
Lauren Johnson-Norris
Zihai Li
Branda Lin
Christina Liu
Ense Kwan
Dayna Money
**Left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.*
***Left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.*

Committee Members Absent: 1 Theresa Collins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Johnson-Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Superintendent Adam Buchanan introduced Community Services Supervisor Ryan Painter and Community Services Manager Dena Diggins. Superintendent Buchanan informed the group that, with the retirement of Community Services Manager Darin Loughrey, he will be the Committee's new staff liaison.

Superintendent Buchanan introduced new committee members:

- Dr. Luz Arellano, Tustin Unified School District Representative
- Lily Freeman, High School Youth Action Team Representative
- Branda Lin, Community Services Commission Representative
- Christine Liu, High School Youth Action Team Representative
- Ense Kwan, Councilmember Carroll's appointee

COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Superintendent Buchanan opened the call for nominations for the position of Chair of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee to serve for a two-year term. Chair Johnson-Norris volunteered to continue her service as Chair; Committee Member Money seconded the motion and by unanimous vote, Chair Johnson-Norris was reelected as Committee Chair.

Nomination vote carried as follows:

Ayes: 13 Committee Members: Arrellano, Bakota, Cazier, Eletreby, Gale, Freeman, Ito, Johnson-Norris, Li, Lin, Liu, Kwan, Money
Absent: 1 Committee Members: Collins

Newly elected Chair Johnson Norris called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee. Committee Member Gale nominated Committee Member Bakota for election to the position of Vice Chair. Chair Johnson-Norris seconded the motion and by unanimous vote, Committee Member Bakota was elected as Vice Chair.

Nomination vote carried as follows:

Ayes: 13 Committee Members: Arrellano, Bakota, Cazier, Eletreby, Gale, Freeman, Ito, Johnson-Norris, Li, Lin, Liu, Kwan, Money
Absent: 1 Committee Members: Collins

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sandy Avzaradel, Project Director of Early Childhood OC and Manager of the Early Childhood Mental Health and Wellness Program, provided a presentation on the work of Early Childhood OC and the Early Childhood Mental Health and Wellness Program, focusing on how the projects address family resilience, quality early learning and comprehensive health and development.

Committee discussion included: the reach of the Mental Health and Wellness program to date; how the Early Development Instrument (EDI) is being used as an assessment tool to target interventions to various geographic areas; training interventions provided to preschools; involvement of social services agencies on the collaborative groups and committees involved in program implementation; project funding sources; policy work of Early Childhood OC, including working with businesses to impact human resources policies that impact families; and how Early Childhood OC is addressing families with housing insecurity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Committee Member Bakota announced that Irvine Prevention Coalition, in collaboration with the City of Irvine, Irvine Unified School District, and other community partners, is celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 21-25. This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is "Life is a Journey, Travel Safely." Activities will include a Pitch-in for Prevention fundraiser at Irvine elementary schools; Red Ribbon at Ruby's event; distribution of Red Ribbon Week healthy choices pledge cards to IUSD students; and Red Ribbon activities in the Kids Village at the Irvine Global Village Festival.

Superintendent Buchanan announced the following:

- The 18th Annual Global Village Festival will be held on October 12 and 13. This is a new two-day format.
- During the next regular Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee will discuss topic areas of interest for future meeting presentations and/or community education. Some potential topic areas were announced to help stimulate ideas for discussion including: the Challenge Success program conducted at Irvine high schools; technology addiction; mental health during the transition to college; spectrum of support services for youth with special needs; linguistically and culturally appropriate parent education; education on resources and navigating the school district for parents who are new to the area and face language barriers; connectedness in college as a measure of success; anxiety among younger children; and human trafficking.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

1. Youth Action Team Project Updates

Committee Members Freeman and Liu provided an update on High School Youth Action Team programs held this past summer and announced upcoming activities:

Summer activities

- Summer Volunteer Camp with 52 participants completing over 2,000 hours of service in the community
- Youth Action Team staff training and planning for the upcoming school year

- Volunteer service at City events such as Movies on the Lawn at the Great Park and Sizzlin' Summer Concerts at Mike Ward Community Park

Upcoming Projects (Fall 2019)

- YATsgiving, a new event to bring students together around Thanksgiving for a day of service
- On-campus activities that bring awareness to suicide prevention and mental health resources during suicide prevention month in September
- On-campus forums at every high school to address teen issues such as stress, mindfulness, goal setting, and self-esteem
- Yoga and Boba class as an opportunity for students to socialize and relieve stress
- Friday night social events such as trivia nights and acoustic music concerts
- College tours to various Southern California universities

Committee Members Freeman and Liu also announced that the Youth Action Team is an approved Presidential Volunteer Service Award program. Awards are given to students completing more than 100 hours of service with Youth Action Team. Twelve students received the award last year and more are expected to receive the award this year.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Lin and seconded by Committee Member Bokota to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee held May 22, 2019.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 11 Committee Members: Arrellano, Bakota, Cazier, Freeman, Ito, Johnson-Norris, Li, Lin, Liu, Kwan, Money
Absent: 3 Committee Members: Collins, Eletreby, Gale

2. APPROVAL OF IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Lin and seconded by Committee Member Kwan to approve the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee Proposed Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2020.

The motion carried as follows:

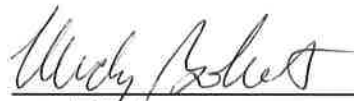
Ayes: 11 Committee Members: Arrellano, Bakota, Cazier, Freeman, Ito, Johnson-Norris, Li, Lin, Liu, Kwan, Money
Absent: 3 Committee Members: Collins, Eletreby, Gale

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Lin, seconded by Committee Member Liu, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



LAURIE GRUSCHKA
RECORDING SECRETARY



LAUREN JOHNSON-NORRIS
CHAIR

Date Approved: 11-13-19