



MINUTES

IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2021

Middle School Programs Office
14321 Yale Avenue
Irvine, CA 92604

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:43 p.m. at the Irvine Middle School Programs Office via WebEx, 14321 Yale Avenue, Irvine by Vice-Chair Bokota.

ROLL CALL

Present: 13

Committee Member	Phyllis Agran
Committee Member	Brooke Cazier
Committee Member	Shelby Clatterbuck
Committee Member	Dina Eletreby
Committee Member	Lily Freeman
Committee Member	Diane Gale
Committee Member	Naz Hamid
Committee Member	Christine Ito
Committee Member	Ense Kwan
Committee Member	Ajay Mohan
Committee Member	Jing Sun
Committee Member	Jada Ulep
Vice Chair	Wendy Bokota

Absent: 1

Committee Member	Luz Arellano
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Bokota led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Administrator Buchanan Introduced new members: Community Services Commissioners Naz Hamid, and Jing Sun, Ajay Mohan, Vice Mayor Kim's appointee, and Phyllis Agran, Councilmember Agran's appointee.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Irvine Unified School District Counselor's Present Campus Climate, Trends, and Support.

Counselors Michele Trapp from Jeffrey Trail Middle School, Tami Watkins, South Lake Middle School, Elizabeth Taylor from Woodbridge High School, Amy Klamberg from Irvine High School and Connie Jacobs, Coordinator College and Career Readiness Counseling, presented a PowerPoint showing how counselors are supporting IUSD middle and high school students during the pandemic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Administrator Buchanan announced the following:

- Member at Large recruitment currently has four applications; the recruitment closes on March 1, at 5:00 p.m.
- ICYFAC Chair and Vice-chair elections will take place at the regular May meeting.

Supervisor Painter announced:

- Middle School Programs will be working with the Weichman Institute to create a program focusing on students' mental health and a separate program with the same focus for parents.

Committee Member Agran announced:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics Orange County Chapter is an excellent resource for families to find up-to-date information regarding Covid 19.

Vice Chair Bokota announced:

- The Irvine Children's Fund is carefully monitoring the pandemic to determine if it will be safe to hold the 2021 Irvine Junior Games. The Junior Games are the primary fundraiser for Irvine Child Care Projects' afterschool scholarship program.

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

Youth Action Team Project Updates:

Committee Members Freeman and Ulep provided an update on High School Youth Action Teams Winter programming:

Community Service

- Each month, HSYAT continues to offer numerous opportunities for teens to serve their community while at home. Projects include: creating cards for first responders

and teachers, creating learning materials for local day-care centers, online book reviews, community clean-ups, making care packages, creating gardens at local community centers, making dog toys for the Irvine Animal Care Center. HSYAT has 8-10 new volunteer opportunities each month open to all students

- Over 400 students are currently volunteering with HSYAT. They have completed over 2,500 hours of service since the start of the school year.
- HSYAT is also an approved Presidential Volunteer Service Award program. Students who complete over 100 hours of service with HSYAT are eligible for the award. Over a dozen students have received the award since November, with many more students expected to receive the award this year.

Education

- HSYAT has also been addressing many important teen topics through a weekly online speaker series held every Thursday. Topics discussed include: Job Interview Skills, Navigating the UC Application, Personal Branding, Career Paths, Emergency Preparedness, Goal Setting, Working with Special Needs Community, Cultural Activism, Writing/Publishing, Zoom Fatigue, Understanding the Deaf Community, Leadership, Reducing Screen Time and more.
- HSYAT also hosted the online Health and Wellness Speakers Series every other Wednesday. Topics included: Stress management, Self-Love, Building Good Habits, Manifestation, Personal Advocacy, Social Anxiety, De-stressing Through Art. Today's discussion was on Healthy Teen Dating and Relationships. They have also hosted online Tai Chi and yoga classes.
- In addition to the online speaker series, 60 HSYAT volunteers and staff attended the CASA Youth Leadership conference online last Saturday with workshops addressing mental health, supporting the LGBTQ+ community, healthy relationships, and suicide awareness.
- On March 3, many students are expected to attend the OC Youth Town Hall on Mental Health hosted by OC Supervisor Don Wagner and OC Health Care Agency. HSYAT staff are very involved in this event and will be moderating each component, hosting a youth panel, leading a mindfulness break, and delivering the opening and closing remarks.
- HSYAT staff participated in the IUSD College and Career Fair, hosting breakout sessions on Maximizing Your High School Experience, Intro to Adulting, and Building College Connections.
- Over 750 students are attending the HSYAT-hosted workshops.

Social Events

- HSYAT has been hosting online Friday night social events such as Teen Trivia Nights, Movie Nights, Game Nights, Cookie Decorating, Escape Room Challenges, Baking Class, and current social events like the upcoming 17th Annual Acoustic Music Festival.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2020.

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Gale and seconded by Committee Member Eletreby to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Irvine Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee held November 18, 2020.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 13 Committee Members: Bokota, Agran, Cazier, Clatterbuck, Eletreby, Freeman, Gale, Hamid, Ito, Kwan, Mohan, Sun Ulep
Absent: 1 Committee Members: Arellano

3. IRVINE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER-AT-LARGE RECRUITMENT.


ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Mohan and seconded by Committee Member Eletreby to appoint Irvine Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee members to serve on a selection committee to fill expiring Member-at-Large positions.

The motion carried as follows:


Ayes: 13 Committee Members: Bokota, Agran, Cazier, Clatterbuck, Eletreby, Freeman, Gale, Hamid, Ito, Kwan, Mohan, Sun Ulep
Absent: 1 Committee Members: Arellano

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Member Agran, seconded by Committee Member Hamid, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.


Wendy Bokota (Jul 20, 2021 17:12 PDT)

WENDY BOKOTA
VICE CHAIR


Marcy Backhus (Jul 20, 2021 17:21 PDT)

MARCY BACKHUS
RECORDING SECRETARY

Date Approved: 7/20/21