

La Jolla Cluster Association DRAFT Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2022, 4:15 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Attached.

Meeting brought to order – by Heather Polen at 4:15 pm

March Minutes - Reviewed with no changes.

Area Superintendent Report - Mitzi thanked school staff and parents for guiding the kids about being respectful to others about mask choices. Wanted everyone to enjoy these busy spring moments and the upcoming transitions.

District C Board Member Candidates - Lily Higman, Becca Williams, and Cody Petterson were there to introduce themselves and give a quick overview of their priorities and focus. The attached link has the UT interviews with each candidate, [District C Candidates](#). The election takes place June 7th.

Cluster Business - Teacher of the Year Celebration has two restaurants who are willing to host and they are just in the process of picking an acceptable date.

Discussion about the Cluster Agreement with the district was brought up. The MOU is no longer valid with the district. The cluster has by-laws that direct it, but there seems to be some interest in surveying the cluster members to see if there needs to be any adjustments and develop a process to move forward when there is something the cluster would like to request from the district. Heather will create a survey and send out to the cluster members. Fran Shimp suggested that the cluster just use the language from the expired MOU to approach the district about asking for an amendment to the new math pathways. Mitzi reminded us that the district is a guest at the cluster meetings and that the district does not require clusters to have a guiding document to operate. The district staff are there to support and be a connection between community and district.

Math Initiative - Jennifer Burney and Eren Efe got clarification from district about the math placement policy. The district is continuing to use the interim policy and considers 3 factors for math placement (5th grade math teacher recommendation, parent choice, and 5th grade mid-year grade). There is still some uncertainty and lack of clarification on the SD Enhanced Math pathways compared to the current pathways. Muirlands Middle School hosted a Cluster Math Parent Night to help explain the placement policy, cluster pathways, courses, and characteristics of successful students in the different courses.

La Jolla/Riford Library - Katia Graham shared that the library used grant money to purchase and create subject kits with themed books and important topics for children. The kits are backpacks that have books related to a particular subject that can be checked out. She also shared that she is willing to visit schools to talk about the summer reading program. Her contact information is grahamk@sandiego.gov.

Round Table - Dr. Katherine Williams is hosting a resilience workshop about childhood anxiety on 4/27. The workshop will be recorded and can be shared via school updates. Dr. McQuary was acknowledged and thanked for his years of service on the Board of Education.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Next Meeting - May 19, 2022 at 4:15 pm on zoom.

**La Jolla Cluster Association
Attendance Roster for April 21, 2022**

Tracy Armino	x	Nancy Rice	X
Neha Bahadur	X	Erika Saldivar	X
Jennifer Burney	X	Stephanie Teel	
Megan DeMott		Rob Tindall	X
Kerry Dill		Alisson Tomasulo	
Robin Dominguez		Lori Trombley	X
Eren Efe	X	Katherine Williams	X
Elisabeth Frausto	X	Oriana Yarid	X
Andi Frost	X		
Nakeya Gilmore			
Stephanie Hasselbrink	X	Fran Shimp	X
Julie Hom		Deborah Yelon	X
Adam Keller		Aly Martinez	
Aimee Lansky		Patrick Callahan	
Jeff Luna	X	Kat Peppers	X
Mike McQuarry	X	Andrew Park	
Mitzi Merino	X	Tara McNamara	
Sharon Miller	X	Michael Camacho	
Jenney Nash		Maria Montgomery	
Alicia Nieblas	X	Katia Graham	X
Tracy Norris			
Charles Podhorsky	X	Rebecca Williams	X

Heather Polen	X	Lily Higman	x
Nona Richard	X	Cody Petterson	x