

# SMMCTA 10-MINUTE MEETING

October, 2021

## Negotiations

- We are still in the process of negotiating the Independent Studies and Short Term Independent Studies MOU. We hope to finalize by the end of October.

## Elections

- Danielle Murawski submitted paperwork to run for VP. She ran unopposed and was unanimously elected at Rep Council on Monday. Please welcome Danielle from Malibu High School as our new SMMCTA VP.
- Call for nominations for Executive Board Malibu Representative. This will be for October-June 2022. Please contact Larissa Merriman or Claudia Bautista-Nicholas if you have questions or are interested in nominating yourself for the open position. You can fill out a [declaration of candidacy form here](#).

## Political Action Committee

- Cari McCullum from Malibu Elementary was appointed as Chair of the Political Action Committee. We need more committee members. If interested, please contact Cari McCollum ([ccarimock@gmail.com](mailto:ccarimock@gmail.com)) or Claudia Bautista-Nicholas ([cbautista@smmcta.com](mailto:cbautista@smmcta.com))
- Two major items we need to organize around at the state level:
  - 1) Voucher Initiative- Takes money away from public schools to invest in private and religious schools
  - 2) Anti-Collective Bargaining initiative

## At-home quarantine change and In-School quarantine protocol (pilot)

- At-home quarantine has been updated to the LACDPH recommendation: From 10 to 7 days with testing on the 5th day.
- In-school quarantine pilot is taking place at JAMS under Nurse Barrett. Most exposures are happening in sports teams not at school when following mask protocol.

## Substitute shortage

- Please be mindful when you take a day off. We are putting our colleagues in a very difficult situation when we leave and we do not have a substitute teacher. Colleagues are reporting they do not have a prep period because they are covering for other colleagues.
- We have a duty free winter, spring and summer break. Please try to limit vacations to those days, not your scheduled school days. Administration will start asking us to document our absences.

## The Standard

- We have until 10/31/2021 to sign up for Disability Insurance without health assessment. We are close to our goal. Please remember, teachers are not eligible for state disability insurance.
  - [Learn More, See Rates and Apply](#)
  - [Schedule an Individual Virtual Appointment with The Standard](#)
  - [Member Enrollment Brochure](#)
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## **Next meetings**

10/21 Board Meeting Discussing Student Vaccine Mandate and In-school quarantine

11/8 Executive Board

11/15 Rep Assembly

## **CTA Conferences and PD**

[CTA/NEA Micro-Certifications](#)

[LGBTQ+ Issues Conference \(October 29-31- Palm Springs\)](#)

[Waitlist](#)

[So you want to be an Anti-Racist Union? \(11/4, 11/18 --5-7pm virtual\)](#)

[CTA Special Education Home Edition \(Nov 5-7\)](#)

[CTA New Educator Weekend Home Edition \(Dec 9-12\)](#)