

Return to School Committee Meeting

July 13, 2020 at 4:00pm

Attendees: Dubbe, Goff, Lopez, Wells, Sanchez-Macias, Gibbs, Mayo, Brooke, A Arevalo, Gillies, Mosher, Coyne, Jianna, Galaviz, Horne, Cochran, Worthington, Mendoza, K Hernandez, Reed, Huerta-Price, Castillo, Martinez, Finnell, Price, Kemp, Hodgkin, MH, Herbert, Curry, Hulsey

1. Welcome at 4:00pm

2. General Updates and Info Sharing

3. How do you feel? Questions and concerns

Questions/Concerns:

Who covers the cost of the video equipment teachers will use for teaching?

Written discipline policy for teachers concerns – is it being addressed in a sub-committee?

For DL, other districts are requiring teachers to teach from campus? Will we be able to DL teach from our own homes? Many teachers want to teach from classrooms with their equipment and whiteboard. Other teachers prefer staying at home with little ones. This is something to work through with the unions.

LA/San Diego districts have issued a joint announcement that they will start with DL.

As we transition to a hybrid and bringing students on campus, will students with disabilities be some of the first we can bring on campus in order to provide the required services per the IEPs?

Still waiting for definitive answer for stakeholders. Announcements are based on local health conditions. As numbers approve, flexibility to move into a hybrid model depend on numbers.

If we are going with a hybrid model, what will happen if a student/staff member gets COVID? Will that whole class have to quarantine for 14 days?

4. Sub-Committee

If you are interested in joining any sub-committees, please email Armando Lopez.

a. Communications

i. Update

Mrs. Horne updated the panel – Possibility of having Mrs. Dubbe update the community via video – have videos for students to view regarding handwashing, etc.

Surveys will go home – a list of wifi hotspots – Mrs. Horne would like the school to have a wifi hotspot for students to use as needed.

We need to know who has a need: Chromebooks, internet, etc. A voice-to-voice talk would be ideal for finding all needs. We'll need to contact parents who haven't taken the surveys.

PPE – Dr. Aguilar is against using anti-fogging sprays and suggests we wear better-fitting masks.

ii. Next Meeting Wednesday, 7/15 at 2pm-3pm

b. Classified 2:30pm

i. Update –

We have so many different needs and departments who need guidance for either DL or a hybrid model. Union talks will continue regarding specifics. We will be ready for both models by the time school starts. Trainings have been discussed as needed. If/when we return to campus, how will we handle parents wanting to come onto campus.

ii. Next Meeting Wednesday, 7/15 at 3pm-4pm

c. Teachers

i. Update –

New parameters about the opening of school – guidelines for DL model and more planning for teachers – consistent technology for all teachers – synchronous vs. asynchronous models – safeguards for technology – streamlining programs – new platforms for teaching – instructional minutes – face-to-face interaction – attendance – assessments/grading

Is there any assistance coming from the State or local Office of Ed to assist teachers and staff?

The concerns from parents are the difference between the 4th quarter vs. the upcoming school year. How do we create lesson plans to better meet the needs for students and parents at home.

Parent support for navigating through new technology (Google or Zoom platforms) and creating tutorials to help parents support students at home.

If we do DL, will teachers assemble binders for students to pick up prior to the school year with written instructions for students/parents. Most of this will roll out electronically. We'll need to teach students how to be an online student. LA and San Diego County will be great examples for us to follow.

Will the State/County bear some of the burden for creating videos or lessons for parents? ICOE has compiled some of these items. Developing something to send out to parents will take some time, but it can happen.

ii. Next Meeting Friday, 7/17 at 1:00pm

d. Review the Plans

i. Update –

DTS helps build plans for schools. We are working on the IIPP plan for the opening of school. We'll dive into plans at this Friday's sub-committee meeting. Signs and directional arrows for campus have been ordered.

Can Mr. Curry provide the SDS for the probiotics? Chemicals currently used are listed on the McCabe website. We have started using a disinfectant product and continue testing to distinguish which surfaces are clean/dirty and their level readings. As for the a/c, the filters have been upgraded from a single-ply filter to a triple-ply filter. We are looking at the possibility of including air scrubbers. We do need to make a fair justification of costs for products and equipment.

What will happen if a student or staff member were to test positive and be required to go into quarantine? Legal council will be a part of these conversations.

ii. Next Meeting Friday, 7/17 at 2:00pm

e. Parent Survey

i. Update –

There was discussion about a parent survey to gather information: 1st a short survey as to whether or not they would allow their child to attend on campus - 2nd survey to gather personal information: technology needs, teaching platforms – 3rd survey for teachers – 4th survey for students to be sure their social/emotional needs are being addressed. Surveys will be brought to the committee/s, staff, and board before sending to out to parents.

It may be helpful for all parents to view concerns and questions for greater input.

ii. Next Meeting Tuesday, 7/14 at 2:00pm

5. General Information

a. returntoschool@muesd.net - comments/questions

b. PPE's c. Social distancing

We know parents are scared and worried about sending their children to school. We want to be sure we assure parents that we'll be ready to go if/when school reopens with students on campus. Will DL be an options for students even if school is open to have students on campus? Unless there is a medical need or self-quarantine, we encourage parents to send student to school on campus with the assurance from administration and clearance from the Public Health Dept. Transportation will also need to be discussed. 50% of our students do use McCabe buses to/from school. There is a potential 50/50 model if we go to a hybrid model.

Will students with disabilities be brought back to campus first if we move into a hybrid model?

Professional development links were sent out to our teaching staff.

We have a shipment of PPE from the State through ICOE for 1/2 of the school year. One consideration is a shoulder-type shield rather than a forehead shield to help students see the teachers face during instruction.

Thermometers have been purchased for student and staff screenings as they enter campus.

For students who need extra support, regarding of DL or hybrid, they will receive supports from the teacher. There is a possibility of those students receiving their support on campus even if we still in the DL model. This is something to be discussed and be considered. We will work with the school phycologist for additional support as needed. If you are able to maintain a 6' distance, you have the option of not wearing a mask while wearing a shield.

Will we provide face masks for students who need more than one mask? Yes.

Once in a hybrid model, will we be able to move students from desk to carpet to tables to avoid them getting squirmy? It may be possible, but we'll need to be very attentive of social distancing.

For teachers with students who may be hard of hearing, there are medical grade masks that have a clear coating for students to view a teacher's mouth. Has the blue light been talked about? Hospitals are currently using them to disinfect a room in about 30 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm