

Return to School Committee Meeting

Monday, August 3, 2020 at 4:00pm

Attendees: Lopez, Gibbs, Castillo, Horne, Brooke, Gillies, A Arevalo, Coyne, Gustafson, Hulsey, Phillips, Pyle, Reed, Kemp, Butler, Finnell, Worthington, Mosher, Hodgkin, Galaviz, Curry, Herbert, Martinez, Jessica, Price, Huerta-Price, Goff, Zavala

Welcome by Mr. Lopez.

Updates & Info: Still quite a bit still happening behind the scenes for the opening of school. Any questions any concerns?

How do the numbers look for registrations? Have we lost many families to homeschool academies? We're still taking in new enrollments each day and don't expect to drop much, if any, below our numbers at the end of the 19/20 school year.

Will our staff trainings be via zoom?

Will there be a designated teacher for those students who want to stay with distance learning for the whole year? We're hoping to have an answer by the end of next week. We'd like to start the year with specific distance learning teachers in mind.

Some private schools will not begin until September with students on campus. How are their regulations different? A waiver can be filed for either small schools/districts or to bring back a select few on an as-needed basis.

Can teachers stay on campus all day or is there a limit to the number of hours they can be on campus? It will depend on each case. Most teaching will be done in the mornings and we hope to have an answer to that by the end of this week.

Communications - We're hoping in the near future to have a parent survey go out soon asking parents their needs with distance learning: Chromebooks, transportation if on campus, cafeteria, etc. A list of resources on how-to's will also be available to parents soon.

Classified – M&O is back to work cleaning both campuses. Office staff is almost at fully capacity to prepare for the new year. The cafeteria staff is not yet back on campus. Technology is testing Chromebooks and tagging them before any distributions. Single-sign-on for students is coming soon. This will lead students to one website with options to the other websites they'll need for class. Transportation is almost done having the fleet inspected.

Teaching Staff – We've been able to dial in the support needed for the teaching staff. When will the daily schedules for all grade levels be finalized? Hopefully by next week.

Review of Plans – There are a lot of safety guidelines we'll need to follow. Hopefully by tomorrow's 3pm review committee meeting we'll be able to dial in some of the specific components. The instructional component is completely separate.

Survey – The parent survey is at almost 1,200 responses. We're calling parents who have not completed the survey or ask questions over the phone. At this point, we have 22.8% who plan to keep them home with distance learning for the entire year. Access to internet is at 98%. Chromebook needs is about 50%. The next survey will be the Parent Needs Assessment Survey to hopefully go out at the end of this week. The daily work schedule will be solidified prior to this

survey going out to parents. What kind of device should a parent purchase if they want to have something of their own at home? Will there be trainings for parents and teachers to help learn to navigate devices they may not be familiar with? Would it be possible to have trainings for grade-specific apps/links? Will this survey be per child or family? It will be per family. Will all 1,300 students log on at 8:30am? If so, will that be too much for a family to handle if they have 3 children on a zoom meeting at the same time? This will depend on the age group as many students will be able to log in by themselves. Zoom shouldn't be an issue. Chat question – will we have an orientation prior to the start of the first day of school for parents/students to meet their new teacher and go over how things will be run during distance learning. There will be a period of time for staff, students, and parents to adjust to this new way of learning and get used to the schedule. It may take a week or two for some grade levels to adjust before starting curriculum. When we do start with curriculum, would it be possible for teachers to start with a refresh of the prior year in the event that there is any learning loss from last spring? Is there a consideration of teachers 'looping' and moving up with their students?

Following Meeting: Monday, August 10, 2020