

October 21, 2020 Neighbor Meeting Notes
6:30-7:30pm

Welcome and Introductions

Nora De Cuir, the evening's moderator from Kearns & West, described the meeting format and explained ground rules for the evening.

Update on Reopening Campus and Safety Protocols, Nanci Kauffman

- We are gradually bringing students and employees back to campus; no parents are allowed on campus.
- We have held distanced athletic conditioning on campus, complying with Santa Clara County guidelines.
- In the past two weeks, we've also held grade level socials.
- Faculty will return October 27 for professional development; on October 28, we will begin hybrid learning (some students on campus, others will continue to learn from home). For four weeks (until Nov. 20), we will invite 2-4 grades per day back to campus. We will return to distance learning after Thanksgiving through January 8. On January 11, we will resume our gradual return to campus, incorporating learning from our four weeks in November.
- TDM: traffic will be lower since so few students will be on campus. Still we will encourage TDM practices, including remote parking, buses, vans. We have a new bus route to San Mateo as well as afternoon bus service.
- Nanci shared photos of activities on campus, with social distancing enforced.
- Mandatory weekly COVID testing (PCR) will be enforced for all students and employees.
- A daily health screening will be required for all before entering campus.
- Face masks will be worn at all times except when eating/drinking. Eating/drinking will be held outside primarily.
- One-way paths have been created to protect distancing.
- Classrooms have been reconfigured to make sure desks are 6' apart.
- Arrivals are being staggered.
- Ventilation has been upgraded to MERV-13. Windows and doors will need to remain open.
- We have outdoor tents under which some teaching and learning will take place.
- Students are divided into cohorts. This allows for contact tracing in case of a positive case.
- We have hired a new nurse full-time. Lockey House is now being used as an infirmary, in the case of community members with any symptoms.
- These safety measures are an important investment and support our effort to bring students back together. We hope ~ 90% of our students will return.
- Our plans have been guided by medical professionals.

CUP Update, Kathy Layendecker

- The FEIR was released in July. Alternative #4 had no significant and unavoidable impacts. By reducing the garage size, the plan retains two homes on Emerson Street as well as trees. The school is now moving forward with the Alternative #4 proposal and plan.
- We have had a number of hearings: PTC (2x), ARB (2x), HRB. We are responding to their feedback.
- Upcoming hearings are PTC hearing on Oct. 28. We anticipate another ARB hearing, no date yet determined.

Q&A

Q: (Mary Sylvester): The plan presented shows a lot of merit. The challenge is in enforcement. I've seen students remove masks and gather closely, including runners without masks in close proximity.

A: (Nanci K.): We have a Community Agreement that students and parents must sign. Guidelines for exercise do not require masks but do require distancing. I will be sure to report your feedback to our Athletic Director, thank you.

Q: (Nancy Tuck): As you bring students back to campus, how do teachers toggle between distance and in-class?

A: (Nanci K.) Yes, that is part of hybrid learning. We've offered teachers professional development to support them in this new challenge. In addition, some of our teachers will be teaching from home, with monitors attending to the students on campus. Protecting our teachers is very important; we have shields for all of our classrooms.

Q: (Nora) What's the best way for neighbors to give feedback if they see anything that needs reporting?

A: (Kathy) We'd appreciate your feedback via the link on our Neighbor Portal. It's important for us to hear your feedback.

Q: (Joe Rolfe): When will we discuss expansion plans? When is the next ARB hearing?

A: (Nora) Kathy did report on the timeline.

A: (Kathy) We've not yet heard a date. We are hoping it will be in November. We have our responses prepared, but it's up to them to determine date.

Conclusion:

Nanci: I worry for the challenges we all will face as this pandemic continues. As our students return, I acknowledge the neighborhood will feel different. I ask for your forbearance as we adjust; we are so happy to bring our community back, gradually.