

LUSD
PAC Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020

Meeting began 5:32 pm
19 members in attendance plus 1 guest

Welcome

Let everyone know Patty Luna available for translation if needed

Christina Giguere formally informed us she is the lead and had everyone introduce themselves.

Review Norms & Expectations

Purpose of the committee is to review and provide feedback for the Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan

We will send info in advance and have it on a website

Public comment is allowed

Public comment:

Lana Huyck – Wants to learn more about the LC&AP Plan.

1. How are staff selected for the council?
2. Why no support staff like counselors and clerical staff? Only seems to be teachers and parents.
3. Why not have EI or SPED teachers or staff? Feels they would have a lot of great input.
4. Mental health a big problem before and will be an even bigger problem now. More counselors are needed not only in the secondary level but also needed in the elementary schools. Ratios are high for the secondary schools.
5. Recommend we get social workers on campus. Easier access for families and staff
6. Class size reduction would be helpful especially once we return after distance learning to help the teachers bridge learning gaps.
7. Pupil family engagement & outreach. Our new program SWIFT is not working well and it is a barrier. Attendance phone calls are not happening. Need more communication.

Christina- valuable input and we will take this info in and discuss.

Review of the Plan

This was Board approved in June. We are updating as more strategies and purchases are put in place and completed.

General information has not changed

Stakeholder Engagement

Reviewed the information in this section.

Asked committee for input and thoughts on the district possibility of having an intersession during winter break. District considering 8 days for elementary students.

Questions/Comments

- Would they be full time? Just possibly 4 hours/day to meet needs of family.
- Is this a trial period? It can serve as a trial of re opening. It will follow guidelines of re opening in January. Not sure if we have teacher interest. Wanting to know if they feel any parents would be interested.
- Parents with students with IEP would like this choice to help the students.
- Kinder parent interested because the loss of connection for her student. Teachers are trying but Kinder students just aren't connecting.
- Second parent agrees with the kinder hard to keep them on task.
- How are you going to choose students? Just by recommendation from teachers or parents interested? Would like to target those with most need. A lot will depend on teacher willingness to participate also.
- Parent stated that many will not commit until there is safety and good plan outlined before giving an answer.
- Transportation is another question.
- Safety and cleanliness the biggest concern.

In person learning opportunities

Reviewed the information in this section.

Questions/comments

- Asked questions on type of washers and dryers are going to be used to clean the masks? Are the machines we purchased going to sanitize if they are not industrial strength? Are they hospital grade?

Distance Learning Progress

Reviewed

Access to Devices and Connectivity

Reviewed

- Ian talked about direction we are going working on getting city wide internet service with a "mesh service". It will be better than a hotspot. Can be free or will have upgrades.

Attendance

Reviewed

Question/comments

- If the student is trying to get on Zoom but can't how is this counted? Office needs parent verification and student can make up the work

Professional Development

Reviewed

- Ian brought up the fact that we have implemented Remind to remedy problems having with SWIFT on communication and we will be cancelling at the end of the year

Supports for Pupils with Unique Needs

Reviewed

Questions/comments

- How are students/families being informed of the glasses and headphones are available?
- Were they purchased for all students. We surveyed schools and ordered based on numbers given to us. We will order more if they are requested.

Pupil Learning Loss Strategies

Reviewed

Questions/comments

- Is the assessment data going to be published online so parents can see how students performing during this time period? Feels it would be useful information district wide to show general trends.

Mental Health and Social Emotional Well Being

Reviewed

Pupil and Family Engagement and Outreach

Reviewed

School Nutrition

Reviewed

Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English learners, and Low Income Students

Reviewed

General Question/comments

- How does Remind work? Teacher will send request to family and then the family can accept. You can also add an app to your computer or phone. You can use app or receive text messages if you do not have the app.
- Why hiring new staff if we are not sure of need yet? Will they continue next year? What is their purpose or how is their purpose determined?
- Question asked why we have had such a turn over in teachers in the last 3 years?
- Under PPE one thing noticed at Hapgood a lot of windows do not open. Is there a way to get windows open in the classrooms? This would be best for students.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

