

COVID-19 TASKFORCE MEETING

April 22, 2021

A summary of the meeting has been created, incorporating the chat from Zoom. Conversations have been aligned to the agenda items.

Superintendent Polly Bove welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their participation. She reviewed the purpose of the taskforce (slide 2) and today's agenda (slide 3). She then shared information and pictures about our return to campus on April 19 (slides 4-9).

Associate Superintendent of Student and Special Services Trudy Gross provided an update on graduation and senior activities (slide 10).

Polly facilitated a share out from staff, students and parents about their experience since return to campus on April 19 (slide 11). She then shared our current thinking for the 2021-22 school year (slide 12) and plans to gather input from taskforce members during the next meeting on May 13 (slide 13).

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Employee Development and Instruction Tom Avvakumovits provided an overview of the structure for discussion in break out rooms (slide 14).

16:30:29 From Tom Avvakumovits to Everyone : 1) Do you have your own thoughts to share about the first few days of hybrid instruction from your perspective? 2) Given what Polly just shared – i.e. our focus is to plan for in-person instruction next year – what questions or concerns might students, teachers, and parents express about this plan?

16:31:50 From Parent: Thank you so much Polly for your information on the fall. It is very good to hear that the district is going for full in person instruction in the fall.

Tom welcomed everyone back from the break out rooms. The notes may be found in a separate attachment. He shared with members that the district needs additional proctors for AP testing. If you are interested, contact Senior HR Specialist Dina Cuellar: dina_cuellar@fuhdsd.org OR 408-522-2229

Polly thanked everyone for their participation.

Tom asked members to provide their feedback on the meeting in the chat.

16:58:42 From Tom Avvakumovits to Everyone : Optional Feedback Opportunity: Comment? Question? Concern?

16:59:12 From Student: More clarification to students regarding CAASPP Testing in May

16:59:18 From Teacher: What are we doing to access/apply for AB 86 (State) and ESSER (Federal) COVID relief monies?

16:59:29 From Parent: My comment is that, for the fall, my impression from talking to multiple families is that they will return to in-person in the fall. By the fall, a majority of people will be vaccinated, including the parents of 14-15 year olds.

16:59:41 From Parent: can a student change from remote to in-person learning?

16:59:47 From Student: Even in the student community that is staying at home, the general consensus is that students really want to go back next year

17:00:11 From Teacher: class sizes for the fall? can we use the state/federal money to keep them small if even for a year?

17:00:19 From Teacher: We should be prepared for different distancing lengths—big room/class size implications

17:00:29 From Parent: Most parents want their kids to go back in the fall

17:00:37 From Parent: I just want to thank all the District and School Site staff for working so hard to bring back in-person instruction. Even though my child opted to remain remote, I think it's important for so many kids to be back at school with teachers and friends. I appreciate the thought and care the District has put into planning for hybrid instruction.

17:00:50 From Teacher: There is a lot of concern from teachers (myself included) that we aren't moving fast enough to have a plan in place for August. Finding out the plan for full reopening in August would be stressful for all of us.

17:01:13 From Guidance Counselor: Maybe hand washing stations outside around campus.

17:01:27 From Teacher: It would be nice for us not to forget about how much the class of 2021 has lost. Junior prom, senior prom, bonding rallies. Can we put some effort into May for these kids? Maybe not a prom but a dinner on the field where they can dress up or a movie on the field. Something they can do to celebrate the end of this time. I know graduation is a step but I also think we can be more creative and do more.

17:01:31 From Parent: Let's make sure that we don't forget to consider students with special needs, such as those who are visually impaired when preparing the campuses for the fall. My son is visually impaired and therefore he did not feel comfortable going back to the campus for in-person learning. I noticed that the signage was not of the type that would have helped him to safely navigate the campus. I do appreciate this task force and the role that it is playing to get students back to in-person learning.

17:01:37 From Parent: Concern about pressure from teachers to students to return, and the ones still at home feeling pressured when they don't want to because of other issues, such as unvaccinated family members or themselves. FUHSD administration needs to address the concerns of parents who have children who may not be vaccinated by the fall and fear their children will get COVID and possibly bring it home.

17:01:58 From Parent: My concern is getting too deeply into the habit of restrictions and not being willing to fully reopen as per normal in August. We must follow public health rules, but let's be ready to go back to normal in August. I hope we don't see kids in masks and having to be socially distant in August. For now - yes, but in August, let's plan on not requiring this.

17:02:08 From Teacher: Many teachers invested a lot of time creating online materials/assessments on Schoology, and they would like to be able to use it in the future when we are in person. Will we be one-on-one (a device for each student) next year?

17:02:16 From Teacher: Can we publish a different scenario-based plan for return in fall. both for when things improve and also a fall back in case numbers got worse. Also, if the plan can include what are measures the teachers plan to take to build a catch up for any gaps we have had this year.

17:02:38 From Teacher: thank you!

Next meeting is Thursday, May 13 from 4-5:30 p.m. We will focus on the 21-22 school year.