

FUHSD REOPENING COMMITTEE

August 5, 2021

A summary of the meeting has been created, incorporating the chat from Zoom. Conversations have been aligned to the agenda items and where answers were provided verbally they have been summarized and highlighted. Following the meeting, answers to questions that have been added to the notes are also highlighted.

Superintendent Polly Bove welcomed the group, reviewed the agenda for the meeting and provided an update on the 2021-22 school year (slides 1-3).

16:07:02 From Parent: When outdoors, will masks not be required, and when not masked, will distancing be required? *Masks are not required outdoors. While neither is distancing we will continue to encourage safe practices.*

Deputy Superintendent Graham Clark provided an overview of the 1:1 device program that will begin in the 2021-22 school year (slide 4).

16:10:18 From Parent: Do they have to bring their chargers to school? *It is recommended to bring a charger.*

16:10:21 From Teacher: How will they be able to charge them? Are you putting several extension cords in our rooms? They don't last the whole day. *Outlets will be available.*

16:11:27 From Parent: The kids had a lot of screen time the last 18 months. How much screen time will be anticipated for each class with this 1:1 program?

From Principal: I shared with our staff that the computers are a tool—but they are not the only tool. They are not meant to be the primary means of instruction.

From Principal: Use the computers when they are the best tool for the job.

16:12:32 From Parent: Can kids install anything on it or they can't ?

From Graham Clark: Chromebooks can be used to access websites on the internet but unfortunately, they don't allow for student to load 3rd party software on the.

16:13:32 From Teacher: Is there any chance we will have to be hybrid again? *The District has stated we will not utilize hybrid learning this school year.*

16:13:49 From Parent: Can we get a reading as to how many teachers—who will be in indoor spaces with our children—are vaccinated? According to the Santa Clara County Health Department, FUHSD should ask for this information.

From Principal: we have and continue to ask this question. I'll let someone from the district answer the “numbers” question about vaccinations.

From Tom Avvakumovits, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Employee Development and Instruction: As of mid-June, 85% of our staff (includes certificated and classified) were fully vaccinated. 4% were not fully vaccinated. 11% did not respond.

From Parent: Tom, based on County Health requirements, can we get those 11% to respond?

From Tom Avvakumovits: I'm not certain at this time.

From Polly Bove: There is no guidance on this issue. We can certainly continue to ask or ask again to see if there is any increase in those who are vaccinated, but no current option to mandate staff to reveal whether or not they are vaccinated.

Associate Superintendent of Student and Special Services Trudy Gross reviewed the legislation via Assembly Bills 130 (Independent Study) and 104 (grade change, retention and graduation requirements (slides 5-10). She also provided an update on and solicited input regarding the District's plans for the state and federal funds that have been provided specifically to address the impact of COVID-19 (slide 11).

16:14:29 From Teacher: any sense of numbers for Independent Study? Big/small change?
There are 34 students who will be enrolled to start on August 16.

16:20:01 From Parent: The independent study will receive the specific high school grades or the Edgenuity grades? *The grades from the Edgenuity teachers are provided to the FUHSD teacher of record for posting on the FUHSD transcript.*

16:22:16 From Parent: Can a student switch back to in-person after being on independent study for a while? *Yes, by legislation the district must place a student back at their home school within 5 school days of a request. The administrators supporting independent study have been sharing with students and families that they should think about transitioning at a grading period or the semester in order to have as smooth a transition as possible.*

16:23:46 From Teacher: ouch. switching back would be messy

16:31:11 From Parent: What's the different in requirements for state vs. our district if any?

16:31:54 From Principal: the district graduation requirement is 220 credits; the state is 130 credits.

16:35:48 From the FEA President: With a full return, is there any additional staff to support safety protocol, contact tracing, etc.?

16:36:16 From Parent: The 8th period will be for all students for extra help?

16:38:11 From Trudy Gross: Yes, any student who needs to recover credit. The focus is English and social studies. The referral comes from guidance counselors.

Principals Kami Tomberlain (CHS), Bryan Emmert (FHS), Greg Giglio (HHS), Maria Jackson (LHS), and Ben Clausnitzer (MVHS) shared information about current student activity on our campuses and plans for a welcoming return to school (slide 12).

16:38:21 From Parent: is the debate team going to be in person or online? I hope it will be in person?

16:39:34 From Student: I believe that depends on tabroom's guidelines for tournaments, which I do not think have been released yet.

16:39:54 From Parent: Oh, I just meant the twice weekly practices, not the tournaments.

16:43:47 From Parent: Cupertino had J-camp this week too

16:44:35 From Principal: Yes—it was held at MVHS. We're also doing a parent orientation on Tuesday night.

Questions (slide 13).

16:47:01 From Parent: I want to make sure that this question is asked and answered, and I'm not sure if there will be time at the end of the session, so ... If an unvaccinated student has to quarantine for 10-14 days, do they just follow along as best as they can on Schoology? *Yes.* What is expected of teachers in that situation? *Ensure access to the student so they are aware of the*

work and support that may be available. If a staff member has to quarantine for 10-14 days with their own unvaccinated child (who is too young to stay home and can't go to a day care/school) will there just be a sub for 2 weeks, or can a teacher teach remotely? *We would arrange a sub.*

16:48:06 From the FEA President: Is there any additional staff to support safety protocol, contact tracing, quarantine, etc.? *The COVID-19 Designees remain in place and support the safety protocols (which include communicating isolation and quarantine), and contact tracing.*

16:51:41 From Parent: Especially with declining rates of vaccination, what has FUHSD done to encourage those teachers and staff that are 'vaccine hesitant', i.e. still have not been vaccinated? *We have shared information encouraging vaccination and held a clinic for the district in May/June.*

16:52:37 From Teacher: Will there be COVID-19 tests available for staff? *We are working on how testing will be handled.*

16:52:37 From Parent: What guidance have you received from the county about COVID testing/screening to mitigate breakthrough infections of those who are asymptomatic? *None.*

16:58:02 From Teacher: So, the suggestion would be to keep kids glued to their seats in class in case a student one week later show signs of COVID-19 so we as teachers can remember who was a close contact or is it dependent on the student's memory? *It is not incumbent on teachers to know about the contact patterns of their students. The COVID-19 Designees work the positive case to confirm who would be considered a close contact. They would ask questions such as, "did you work in groups within the classroom?", "who do you spend brunch/lunch with?", etc.*

16:58:10 From Teacher: Can we still do simulations where they share/trade materials? *Yes. The science has shown that the virus does not transmit by surface contact.*

16:58:22 From Parent: Do we know if students are vaccinated or not? Or if the quarantine requirement is voluntarily? *If it is determined that an individual needs to quarantine, it is not voluntary.*

From Rachel Zlotziver, Coordinator of Communications : Right now, we cannot ask students if they are vaccinated. We have shared information encouraging vaccination and held a clinic for the district in May/June.

16:58:40 From the FEA President: Summer and last year were only 20%, we are now going to be 100% back.

From Principal: understood that we have more kids or will be at full capacity, but we can adequately supervise this because we won't be tied down looking at phones for symptoms tracker or having to stay at a gate. We can get back to our regular supervision

16:59:25 From Parent: I'd like to ask the 2nd part of my question again. From a teacher's perspective. My son is too young to get the COVID-19 vaccine. If he has a close contact at school and has to quarantine for 10 days or if god-forbid he gets symptoms, I can't leave him with anyone else (grandparents, etc.). Will my students just get a 2-week sub, or could I have the option to teach remotely (1:1 devices)? *We would arrange a sub.*

From Teacher: Quarantining with a child would probably be at the drop of a hat—sub planning for 10 days is not a trifle.

From Parent: This is going to be very difficult for teachers and staff, and thank you for all you are doing for the safety of our students!

From Parent: yes, I think it is going to be challenging.

17:00:20 From Student: Will students receive an email/guidance about mask requirements, how clubs will work, if they can go off campus etc. before school starts on the 16th?

17:01:09 From Student: I believe we got one on mask guidelines a few hours ago ! Not sure about the info on clubs, open/closed campus though.

17:01:20 From Rachel Zlotziver: We will be sharing our updated reopening safety guide next week. Today a brief email did go out that reviewed the mask requirements, but the guide will have more detailed information

17:01:21 From Principal: Some of that information will be provided prior to school opening; for 9th graders, it will be provided during orientation. Everyone will get an “expectations” slide on Wednesday of the first week of school at CHS.

17:01:56 From Principal: An email message will go out to all students from LHS.

17:04:15 From Teacher: Will there be any suggestions about classroom set up, activities, etc. from the district? *Yes, they will come through the site principals/admin teams.*

17:05:05 From Parent: Can we (as parents or our students) ask teachers if they are vaccinated? *No*

17:05:15 From Parent: Thank you, Polly. Yes, screening is important. Mandatory screening of students showed that 2 are COVID positive this week in my building. They are fully vaccinated people who are asymptomatic.

17:06:12 From Parent: yes, this is becoming more and more frequent...

17:08:26 From Teacher: Will the district approve out-of-town field trips that are scheduled for second semester? *We continue to seek guidance in support of such opportunities for our students.*

17:11:24 From Parent: will there be more COVID-19 testing resources going forward? There seems to be less test resources then when we were in the last surge before the summer. *Testing resources continue to be available through County Public Health.*

17:13:05 From Parent: As a vaccinated student, if they get any of the symptoms then they should go to school till they have more symptoms. Correct? *From the CDC: Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.* Does school need to be notified? *Yes.*

17:13:59 From Parent: Fall brings along the flu season and kids tend to get common cold/cough. Should we still send them to school, or run a test first to rule out COVID-19 and then send them to school?

17:14:25 From Parent: I think we would keep them home if they have cough/cold like we always did, right?

17:14:51 From Rachel Zlotziver: Yes, students and staff that are sick for any reason should stay home

From Parent: Greatly appreciate and the details to which the district leadership is thinking through to keep the students and staff safe... and allow students to still come back to some normalcy. My son and kids in the community are excited to be back in the school.

From Parent: My son is super excited about in person school starting!

From Parent: once again lots of information and more importantly keeping us informed and working together.

From Parent: So excited for in person school. Good times ahead!

From Parent: Thank you so much for bringing us all together to have these discussions!!

From Principal: We are looking forward to seeing our amazing students! Can't wait!!!!

From Parent: Thanks everyone!!

From Parent: Thank you for having in-person school.

From Teacher: I would really appreciate having testing for staff available. Thanks!

From Parent: Thank you!