

College Park School Site Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2021

Attendance:

Kevin Honey, Principal
Cheri Cheng, Office Manager
Chris Ellenwood, Teacher
Suzanne Hatch, Teacher
Jorge Jimenez, Teacher
Lynn Young, Teacher

Ms. Schichnes, Parent
Paul Turner, Parent
Lynn Valdez, Parent
Samuel Benabou, Student
Diego Karlin, Student
Atira O'Neal, Student

Absent: Mr. Bland, Teacher

Meeting Called to Order by Ms. Valdez at 3:01 pm via Zoom call. Meeting held online due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements within State of California.

Public Comment

No public comment

Review and Approve April 28, 2021 minutes:

Motion: Mr. Jimenez made motion to approve minutes from April 28, 2021

Second: Ms. Hatch seconded the motion

Vote: yea's: unanimous, no's: 0, abstentions: 0

Student Updates

Mr. Benabou shared that student reaction to end of school is bittersweet, looking forward to the future while focusing on finishing up the current year. Mr. Honey shared the senior yearbook pick-up will be held next week in a safe environment so they can interact and sign books with each other. Ms. O'Neal shared that junior and freshmen are excited to return back to school. Students want to be around their friends and looking for that human interaction again. She shared that her first AP test went smoothly and there were some concerns around AP Calculus to maintain textbooks through the AP test. Mr. Honey said students who needed books for AP exams could return them after the tests. Mr. Karlin wondered about senior events for 2021-2022 school year. Both students shared that most of their friends who are 16 or older, and wanted to get vaccinated, have been vaccinated. Mr. Honey shared that every student has the option to receive the vaccine if they want to before school begins. Ms. O'Neal shared that College Board did good preparation to make AP tests function smoothly. Mr. Honey shared that he would assume that AP tests would be back in person in spring of 2022. The Site Council congratulated Mr. Benabou for achieving National Merit Finalist status.

Principal Update

CAASSP testing updates

Mr. Honey shared that testing went well. Students continue to do make-up tests this week. Largest group of students who opted out were class of 2021 in science. Mr. Jimenez shared that testing in-

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person at the computer lab went well and most students were able to complete tests in the assigned time. Mr. Ellenwood proctored a distance class and the small group of kids who took the test completed it smoothly. Mr. Honey said the school is going to work on the messaging around CAASSP testing benefits to help students and parents understand incentives to do well on the test.

AP testing updates

AP testing schedule this spring has been different from past years and spread out across a longer time frame. Mr. Benabou shared that students had varying levels of preparation, which was echoed by Ms. O'Neal who shared that students felt the test was much more dependent on individual effort vs. having traditional in-person learning. Mr. Karlin shared that there may not have been the same level of preparation in APUSH as in previous years, but felt very prepared for Physics C exam. He also shared AP technology was much more robust than years past. College Park has 3 AP classes for 2021-2022 schedule with less than 10 students and those students are being told those classes will not be offered so they could pursue alternatives.

Graduation – Class of 2021

Graduation ceremonies will take place on June 2 and there will be two sessions from 3:00 and 7:00 pm at Concord Pavilion. Live Nation ticket platform is being used to distribute tickets electronically.

Anticipated summer improvement projects

Mr. Honey shared no significant capital projects are anticipated through the district this summer. There could potentially be some HVAC work on an aging boiler. Mr. Honey is going to be doing walk-throughs on all facilities before return to make sure things like bathrooms are in working order. Mr. Honey is going to make sure female athletes have full access to their locker room.

Enrollment trends/expectations

Enrollment projected to be 2,050 in the fall (vs. 1,977 in 2020-2021). There is still a lot of flexibility in those numbers as students are still enrolling and dropping. Full-time teacher staffing has been improved and school is tracking well for the master schedule.

Key Dates for August

Walk-through days will begin on August 3. Ninth grade orientation will begin on August 6. Teachers will return to campus on August 9, have development day on August 10 and teacher work day on August 11. August 12 will be the first day of school with new bell schedule in effect.

Return to Campus

We will have 50% of students who have never been to College Park in person for classes. Students have been out of school site for almost 18 months. Everyone will need adjustment time and will be a learning

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curve for students and teachers, so Mr. Honey will focus on going slowly as the year starts. Focus for staff will be on building community and getting everyone used to working with each other again.

Mr. Honey discussed how administration is looking at how distance learning skills can be integrated into in-person learning and how remote technologies can be used for things like Open House, Back to School, other larger all-school events. He also mentioned that first year of WASC prep is beginning, with an anticipated site visit in spring of 2023.

Mr. Honey discussed equity and culturally responsive work will kick off based on how students have responded in remote environment. We have more data and insights into how students learn and how schools can better serve them. Work will look at things like what authors are being read in English courses and whether cultural sensitivities are being incorporate in pedagogy and curriculum and policies and procedures. Will be an exercise undertaken with inputs from staff, students, and parents

Student Board Member Application

MDUSD has had student board application open for a district student. All of the College Park students will be reviewed at the school level and then will forward our qualified students to the District for review at that level. There is now a process in place to select that student.

End of Year Budget Report

Mr. Honey stated that any money left in the budget will be reinvested in technology to buy more Chromebooks and get to closer 1:1 relationship for students.

Course Catalog Discussion

Mr. Honey shared the overview of courses being offered and what kind of catalog could be shared with parents or external audiences. Ms. Valdez shared that the thought from parents was to make it easier for people to see what classes were actually offered vs. what could potentially be offered. Mr. Honey will continue to build the overall database.

Mr. Honey closed the agenda by thanking all of the site council members for their partnership and efforts during the school year.

Meeting Adjournment at 3:55 pm by Ms. Valdez

Next Meeting Date: TBD for September 2021

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