

Health and Safety DAC Meeting Notes 1/25/2021

Members in Attendance: Pat Nolan, Laila Taslimi, Jane Schmitz, Maya Lindeman, Liz Scharetg, Shuli Lotan, Mark Kelly, Tara Brown, Linda Morazan, Araceli Aronin, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswin

Approval of December Minutes:

December Meeting Minute Correction: Linda Morazan at SAMOHI

Pat moves to approve the Minutes. Shuli Seconds. Approved.

General Business:

DAC membership, election of new Co-Chair: Solicit new chair via email to all DAC members.

Public Comments- none

Report from SMFD / SMPD- not present

Report from Board Liaisons- Richard, no report. Assignments for BOE liaisons to DACs will be known at Feb 4 Board meeting.

Report from SMMUSD Staff:

1. Reopening and Covid-19 Update & Discussion

Mark's Update: Re-cap of Dec. 17 Board Meeting presentation by Dr. Drati regrading re-opening models. If district enters red tier, engage in "distance plus" learning. Students can come to campus, abiding by health orders limiting number of people on site, but still able to provide social and academic opportunities. Still discussing what the "plus" in "distance plus" is going to look like. Case rates are still very high, and we are very far from entering the red tier. Specialized services on school sites still occurring. Moving into phase three of special education programming to expand services next week. On site in-person hubs serving children of SMMUSD staff. Expanding hubs to offer to more students and families for students to do distance learning on site with supervision of teachers, expanding hubs Feb 1. Hubs for English learners at two sites. Athletic conditioning at Malibu. Submitted KT-2 waiver, awaiting response from LADPH.

Maya's Update: Introduced new COVID-19 tracking dashboard and showcased mental health resources update on website. SMMUSD potentially partnering with Providence St. John's to do surveillance testing. SMMUSD in conversation with City of Santa Monica regarding vaccine distribution. PPE recommendation changing cloth masks to surgical masks. Laila suggested to add denominators to the data chart for context (show percentages).

Tara's Update- Testing likely to occur in partnership with Providence St. Johns. PSJ willing to fund 300 PTR (\$4,000) tests for SMMUSD COVID testing of staff. SMMUSD will have to pay after 300 finished. Providence St. John's will train staff on how to administer the tests. Tara in communication with City of Santa Monica to discuss potential to vaccinate at SMMUSD sites. Richard intends to ask BOE to apply

to be a vaccine site at next board meeting. Debating between PTC testing and antigen testing. Antigen test awaiting FDA approval. Phase 1b will vaccinate SMMUSD staff. Round ups for Kindergarten occurring. School site safety plans being developed. Laila and Jane want to review the Harvard study about surveillance testing and provide additional input. Cautious to engage in contract with Providence St. John's without further discussion with LADPH and reviewing additional studies.

Shuli's Update- Mental health focus on prevention. Students are not interested in extra screen time and therefore less likely to engage in telehealth services. Lincoln and Grant at full capacity for mental health services. Other sites have openings. Margret's Health-new mental health program at SAMOHI through LACOE. Richard concerned about death by suicide as a consequence of the pandemic and suggested to include a mental health/suicide discussion in the Superintendent's report at the next meeting. DAC Student Representatives commented that stigma, lack of understanding/knowledge about mental health, fear of parental engagement/reaction and zoom fatigue are barriers to accessing mental health resources. Shuli suggested working with mental health service providers to provide more self-consenting services, work on a stigma reduction campaign, and find opportunities to provide in-person mental health services. Pat reminded members of the presentation on mental health that the Health and Safety DAC provided to BOE in May 2018 discussing opportunities to train teachers on mental health services and addressing stigma as a barrier to access services.

Returning Business:

1. Wellness Policy evaluation and establishment of ad hoc groups- move to future agenda

New Business:

1. Direction of Committee: Mid-Year Report- move to future agenda
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