

Draft Minutes

Health and Safety District Advisory Committee - Regular Meeting

Monday, March 21, 2022

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Virtual

Members: Rita Kachru, MD | Rachel Bressler, RN | Pat Nolan, RN | Cecilia Soto-Loftus, MPH | Laila Taslimi | Elizabeth Scharetg, MSW, MPH | Shuli Lotan, LCSW, PPSC | Deborah Novak, MS, RDN | Erin Behan | Debbie Bernstein | Deborah Rothman

Board Liaison: Keith Coleman / Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Admin Co-Chair: Tara Brown / Mark Kelly

Student Representatives: Linda Morazan (Malibu) / Araceli Aronin (SAMOHI)

Attendees: Pat Nolan, Laila Taslimi, Araceli Aronin, Linda Morazan (7:50), Rachel Bressler, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Tara Brown, Mark Kelly

Board Report – Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

- Board member apologized on behalf of Board Member Coleman who could not attend.
- Reported on the Board's recent resolution to change the indoor and outdoor mask mandates. It was a unanimous decision of the Board.
- Reported on the success of the parent symposium that was held prior to the Board Meeting.
- Reported on the lawsuit against the County Committee regarding SB 442, which would impose a non-democratic election process on the District. Joined with the City of Santa Monica.
- Reported on the Superintendent's committee on the master schedule/calendar.
- Laila expressed appreciation for the Town Hall hosted by Senator Ben Allen. Appreciated it and example of who the District sets precedent for others in the community, e.g. preschool community. It circulated beyond the District. Good example of how the District draws on human resources in our community. Top notch people, handled well.
- Laila sought clarity about what the meaning of the master calendar. Is it possible to get clarification?
- Mark Kelly clarified that Richard was speaking of the master schedule – how classes are signed to the school day. The start times at our secondary schools are already compliant with new state law about the school start time.

Staff Report – Rachel Bressler

- Week two of “strongly recommended” mask. Is visiting schools; not everyone has their mask off. There are students/staff with mask off. The nursing team has updated the District's exposure management plan. We still have positives, e.g. girls scout outing affecting an elementary school.
- Nursing work is becoming less-Covid-centric. Getting to focus on nursing mandates – required tasks.
- Prepping for Spring Brink. Will have testing hubs.
- Seeking to put together staff plan for Summer School.
- Pleased by the symposium, including the presence of LADPH.

- Staffing – We are hiring. Have had good luck with registry nurses.
- Tara added comments, reported on moves to hire as permanent staff from registry nurses. Gave updates on the new hires.
- Tara reported still have one vacancy trying to fill in Malibu.
- Rachel added that the Malibu position is for elementary. Have a 75% for Malibu MS/HS.
- Feels great to work with a terrific team of health services professionals – nurses and health office specialist. Reported that hired for the vacancy at the HOS position. Should start after Spring Break.

Staff Report – Mark Kelly

- Added to the Board’s recent action as a pattern of thoughtful decision making, despite the many loud voices that have characterized Board members and the Superintendent, the Board has been thoughtful and did surveys and other actions to guide its decision making.
- Laila affirmed her appreciation for what the Board is doing for the community. Believes we are very well set-up as a District with who is on the Board and the Superintendent.

Staff Report – Tara Brown

- Tara Brown reported on Spring Break project – sending home test kits for students for testing on morning of April 18, before school. Reported on the two kind of test antigen kits that will go home. Either are fine. The kits will be sent with written instructions.
- Testing hubs will be open at JAMS and Malibu MS/HS for response testing – Saturday, April 16.
- Goal is to have no students or staff come to campus with Covid.
- There will also be PCR testing for District staff at the District Office and for working CDS staff at Washington West.
- Will also have a few nurses on-call during Spring Break.
- Reported that positive cases are going down. Reports to LADPH/LACOE every Monday. In excess of 6,000 test less than 10 positives.
- Rachel reported that the District dashboard shown fewer positives. Tara showed the dashboard.
- Laila asked about the hubs. Do parents understand what response testing is. Tara says she thinks we are good. Laila suggested considering starting 15 minutes later on the first day after spring break.
- Tara shared the new online permit application process (instruction letter and form). Eliminates paper files. Will help avoid incomplete applications.
- Laila asked if the process of intradistrict permits supports diversity interests. Tara reported on space permitting. Tara explained the process. Tara shared that the process for interdistrict process, there are priority categories.
- Pat asked if a person with an intradistrict. If a person in the pathway for elementary, they go to the middle school in the pathway. Pat also asked about students who lost housing because of the Woolsey fire. Tara shared they were allowed to remain enrolled.

Presentation – Kim Marshall – Social-Emotional Learning Teacher on Special Assignment

- Tara shared that Kim is new to Student Services and that she works closely with Shuli Lotan.
- Kim shared a presentation she has been using with various groups – “Human Development for All of Us.”

- Kim introduced herself having worked for 13 years at McKinley and commented on her relationship with members of the DAC.
- *See presentation.*
- Rachel asked for clarification on if the colors mean something on the wheel. Answer is yes.
- Mark asked Kim to share what is happening in the field – in our schools. Kim shared starting with classified staff at four elementary schools (IAs, paraeducators, and paraeducators). Also done staff PD at the request of the principals. Also doing 1-1 work with individual teachers and committee supports (SEL Committee). Lastly, working with cohort groups and others (e.g. groups of students who may be struggling with an issue).
- Pat asked about how does SEL fit in with Olweus and Cool Tools. Kim has been trained as a trainer for Olweus and incorporates these aspects. Tara added that Kim is also working with restorative justice practice. Tara is also working with Shuli and parents on a LGBTQ+ committee.
- Kim engaged the DAC in a activity on develop health identities.
- DAC members shared reflections on the process.
- Kim posed question, “Why knowing own identify is meaningful as part our the SMMUSD community.”

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm. Next meeting April 25, 2022