

Pat Nolan, Laila Taslimi, Debra Rothman, Deborah Bernstein, Rachel Bressler, Richard Tahvidaran-Jesswein, Tara Brown, Mark Kelly

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Staff Report – Rachel Bressler

- Back from Spring Break.
- Providing families antigen testing was successful. Information provided multiple times before returning. Successful in catching positive cases before they came to campus.
- Persons testing positive at the gate were sent home.
- Met goal to prevent/reduce positive cases from being on campus.
- We are seeing a rise in some cases. Shared about a positive fifth grader who toured Lincoln with other incoming sixth graders.
- Doing group contact tracing. What classroom; anyone in the classroom considered an exposure and notice is sent.
- Reported also seeing staff cases. May have been positive for Spring Break.
- Several links to LADPH protocols including newest exposure management protocol (T2).
- Not really having quarantine anymore; can come if vaccinated or not, even if exposed.
- Shared T2 protocol, highlighting new close contact definition – same air space as another.
- Will continue training of HOSs on new T2 protocol.
- Pat asked about how airline masking and potentials intersect with school protocols. Rachel clarified and explained what exposure or isolate would mean for a person from a school also who has flown.
- Rachel – we know students have flown, one of the reasons we wanted students to test before coming back from Spring Break.
- Tara Brown reiterated how impressed us having the test worked. Spoke to Palisades that had to resume masking because of the number of positive cases. SMMUSD was able to minimize issues; testing was a success.

Board Report – Richard Tahvidaran-Jesswein

- Grateful all that staff did to prepare for the return. Reiterated the Board's gratitude for staff's work.
- Watching the budget process that is unfolding.
- Open contract with CTA.
- Lawsuit about SB 422.
- Cautiously optimistic with discussions with City of Malibu regarding unification. Have asked County to delay their next discussion of unification to allow the talks to continue.
- Learned from attorneys that public comments are not allowed for Superintendent's Report.
- Tara asked Richard to talk about State of our Schools.
- Richard encouraged everyone to tune into State of Schools to be held on May 2. Board and staff are preparing for the presentation and are excited to present. Will acknowledge positives and area for growth.

Staff Report – Shuli Lotan

- Things going well; more groups.
- Trends – seeing parents seeking more request for higher-level needs.
- Some psych concerns for little ones returning for Spring Break.

- Most interns will end by mid-May. Looking as to who might need summer services.
- Looking at future need.
- More money for Covid-related services; working with Dr. Mora about what is availability.
- Tara reported May is mental health month.
- Samohi – student mental health group (SWAG) is bringing back the “Puppy Party.” Lots of interest, will do a lottery to select who gets to join the Party. Some service dogs with owners will be coming and sharing what the dogs do.
- Richard spoke about his daughter fostering puppies, which is support of her personal mental health.
- Shuli – What brings you joy, peace and calm. Many students report their pets.
- Shuli reported that many of SWAG are seniors, but there are juniors who will take the reins next year, and recruiting more students. Malibu High is also doing activities for mental health week.
- Tara shared a personal story of dog therapy working with her son.
- Puppy Party is on May 3. Pat suggested DAC members should volunteer to oversee the Party (smile).
- Shuli said she could get members on the visitors list.
- Pat asked about “dopa-team” at Malibu High. Shuli reported the team from UCLA is coming, date not sure of.

Staff Report – Mark Kelly

- Reported on Spring Break. Ready for the next year. Lots going on. Had a group break.

Staff Report – Tara Brown

- Student Services is full on permits.
- Planning for next year – restorative training, Olweus training, co-administrator meetings, counselor meetings, and SARB meetings. Looking to start SARB in person, did not work well on Zoom. Have Campus Security Officer meetings are on the calendar. Looking forward to being more normal.
- Testing is continuing through June. Need to think about testing for summer school.
- Looking forward to fall – Responding to questions if testing continuing, “I hope not.” What happens depends on what happens with variants. Hope to only do home test kits.
- Antigen testing hub added a few months ago worked well.
- No quorum to vote on minutes.
- Rachel asked about the gender course that occurred last week. Some nurses attended.
- Shuli shared that LGBTQ+ parent group is meeting tomorrow (4/26) and she will get some feedback. Also looking at several district policies; believe we have existing policies that just need to be shared. Looking at more protocols, e.g. how to respond when a student invites you in; when a student identifies a pronoun use.
- Debbie Bernstein commented that it is important to address discrimination in general, but not lose sight of this particular area -- and may need to call out LGBTQ+ and not relegate in a larger context. Wanted the message to be that this is important for LGBTQ+.
- Shuli shared a draft of a policy.
- Richard commented that as one board member he wants to be very clear about LGBTQ+ policies – affirmed what Debbie shared. He reported board members are getting ugly emails about the Board’s gender affirmation in a recent resolution. He is taken-aback but what he is receiving. He feels for the students and wonders how they would feel if they ever heard what he receives.

- Tara reminded that LGBTQ+ is meeting tomorrow (4/26) to review a model policy (similar to LAUSD and GLSEN policy and model policy, respectively).
- Tara spoke to the issue of the policy versus incorporating with existing non-discrimination policy.
- Richard shared he will raise the question during agenda planning tomorrow (4/26).
- Tara spoke to oversight of wellness policy, but need a focus on membership and getting a chair.
- Pat asked whether we should review the wellness policy. Tara said yes.
- Tara spoke to the many links on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm. Next meeting May 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.