

Garehime SOT Meeting 02/09/2021

Meeting began at 4:01pm

In attendance: Lisa Dixon, Michelle Zamora, Jennifer VanSickle, Sabrina Mowrey, April Ballard, Ryan Lewis, Bradley Linkins, Mara Barragan

Unanimous vote held to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes.

Discussion of Hybrid Model and March 1st deadline.

Cohort lists should be ready to be released in a few days. In the making of these cohorts, Garehime prioritized keeping children with their current teachers as much as they could to make the transition an easier one for all the students and parents.

Those attending in person instruction will attend for 2 days a week maximum. The other three weekdays would be distance learning.

Expecting the hybrid plan to open to 4th and 5th grade students in the near future, but no word yet on that at this time.

Mara-Do we have any idea of the operational hours?

Ryan-It should be full, regular school hours on those days.

Mara-How many kids will be in each classroom?

Ryan-That will depend upon the size of the room and its capacity. There shouldn't be more than 12 children in a room maximum. Many rooms will have less.

Mara-How will hot lunches be gotten if kids are staying in the classroom to eat?

Ryan-Lunches will be delivered to the classrooms or at least to the grades great room. But some students may be able to eat in the cafeteria such as the kindergarteners to keep them from eating over carpeting in their classrooms which have their own cleaning challenges.

Mara-How are we going to drop off and pick up our kids?

Ryan-It is in the guidelines that CCSD released. No adults, other than school staff, will be allowed on school property. Therefore, parents will drop off and pick up their students at one of the three gate areas. Staff will conduct them to and from the gate and classrooms.

Bradley-Do you anticipate older kids coming back this spring at all?

Ryan-They may, but there's a lot of logistics to how that would be accomplished. It is being talked about.

Discussion was opened of the Strategic Budget for 2021-2022.

We previously hadn't received the numbers or a due date, now the tentative budget is due this Friday, 02/12/2021. Final approved budget will be posted to the website when it is ready.

Restrictions on use of Title 1 money and the time of its payment make it advantageous to use it to pay for staff and then be able to use the money from general funds, which would have been

used for staff salary, for other items that cannot be funded as easily or at all with Title 1 funds, such as supplies.

Academic Support funding does not have as many restrictions as Title 1.

Need to fight for the school autonomy bill so that the school can make choices such as to carry over funds and not have it revert to or be directed by the school district.

Garehime is planning to hire another strategist using Title 1 money. They will also pay one allotted teacher's salary from Title 1 and thereby be able to have that money freed up in the general fund. By keeping that money in the general fund it can be used for purchasing access to Lexia, IXL, Eureka workbooks, and many other instructional materials.

Mara-Are we still planning to try to purchase "bulk" years of instructional programs this year?  
Ryan-Yes! Trying to purchase 2-3 years of the programs using general fund money this year, which will give us a better price per year and have them off the budget for the following years when budgets are expected to be much tighter due to the drop off of federal assistance, which is what is currently boosting the budget.

Mara-Will there be extra masks and supplies in the classrooms for the students entering the hybrid model?

Lisa- That was also included in the guidelines that were sent out, but yes there will be provisions made for that.

Sabrina-I can message you a copy of the guidelines with that information. (Following the meeting, a message was sent to Mara via messenger with a link to the guidelines.)

Next meeting is still on the schedule for next Tuesday, 02/15/2021 at 4:00pm. This meeting will stay on schedule should issues come up which need addressing for the upcoming budget and hybrid deadlines. Should no questions or issues arise, that meeting will be cancelled.

March meeting scheduled for 03/16/2021 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.