

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph
April 26, 2021

Staff Housing:

I just reviewed the schematic designs for our staff housing. I am hoping that there will be enough time to place this on the agenda prior to the end of the school year. Not only does the building looks amazing, but it also will provide us with several options for staff retention. Starting next year, we will be moving earnestly to finalize the rental process for teachers and staff. Our next hurdle is to help move the building forward with acquiring permits.

CBRS:

I will discuss this in more detail with our Learning Recovery plan, but I am pleased to announce that all equipment has arrived to start installation district-wide. We are currently resolving a power issue; we would like for the radio antennas to connect to our backup power batteries.

Landels Principal:

The first two rounds, Interview committee and Site level (parents, teachers, and staff) have concluded. I have heard anecdotally that we have some very strong candidates who can continue to help Landels grow. We have 4 candidates moving forward to round three. The final round, with me, is next week. I am looking forward to bringing forward a final candidate to the Board of Trustees.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with four direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Led the Leadership Team meeting
- Met with a Board member
- Attended Landels Playground Opening
- Attended EOC Updates & SCCSA meeting
- Met with five Directors
- Attended Staff Housing Project Design Dev. meeting
- Attended MVWSD & Equimetrics - Equity Goals meeting
- Met with Board of Trustee President
- Met with Wellness and Wellness Coach
- Attended Reclassification Ceremony

Who's open for In-person board meetings:

Current Governing Board Meeting Structure

School Governance - Santa Clara County

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- TD** Total Distance: (Current structure. totally virtual - with no one attending in-person)
- TIP** Total In-person: (no trustee, staff, or community members on-line. Please do not consider video streaming in the description of "virtual," unless the those who watch the meeting on-line can interact with the board)
- H-I** Hybrid I: (some trustees and/or staff in person and some on-line)
- H-II** Hybrid II: (trustees and staff all in person, but with public all on-line - public can interact with the board.)
- H-III** Hybrid III: (trustees and staff all in person, but with a limited number of the public in person and with the remainder of the public on-line who are allowed to interact with the board)

DISTRICT	CURRENT	PLANS? COMMENTS?
Alum Rock Union School District	H-I	Likely continue H-1 until Fall
Berryessa Union School District	TD	Considering H-II in May
Cambrian School District	H-III	
Campbell Union High School District	H-II	
Campbell Union School District	H-III	
Cupertino Union School District	H-II	Started April 8
East Side Union High School District		
Evergreen Elementary School District	TD	TD until August
Franklin-McKinley School District	H-II	For the remainder of the year
Fremont Union High School District	H-III	Maybe TIP in Fall
Gilroy Unified School District	TD	Likely TIP in the Fall
Lakeside Joint School District	TD	H-III in May
Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District	TD	Not planned yet
Los Altos School District	TD	TIP or Hybrid - Fall or sooner
Los Gatos Union School District	H-II	Started in April
Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District		
Luther Burbank School District	TD	Planning in-person for Fall
Milpitas Unified School District	H-II	
MetroED	TD	No In-person until Fall
Moreland School District	TD	Goal for TIP in the Fall
Morgan Hill Unified School District	TD	Considering hybrid in May
Mount Pleasant Elementary School District	TD	Considering H-II for May 26
Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District	H-III	
Mountain View Whisman School District	TD	Goal for TIP in the Fall
Oak Grove School District	TD	Considering in-person for June
Orchard Elementary School District		
Palo Alto Unified School District	H-I	
San José Unified School District		
Santa Clara County Office of Education		
Santa Clara Unified School District	TD	Will discuss soon
Saratoga Union School District	H-II	Brd. and Supt. In person only
Sunnyvale School District	TD	
Union School District	H-I	

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting the school sites. In the past month, we have received 354 support requests, and we have resolved 85% of those requests.
- Board meeting streaming issue. We did an investigation into the issue this past Saturday, with the board meeting video stopping shortly after the start of the meeting. The YouTube streaming is configured to stop automatically when it no longer receives a video stream from Zoom. When all of the meeting participants entered the breakout room for closed session, Zoom stopped sending a video stream to YouTube. There were no other participants in the meeting and so there was no content for Zoom to stream. We tested this out this morning and confirmed that when all participants are moved into a breakout session, the stream stops. We can mitigate this for future meetings by ensuring that a computer is always connected to the main meeting.
- MVWSDConnect. Nick Haffen and Jon Aker completed a site survey of the CBRS locations at each site to determine what additional equipment and materials are needed to complete the install at each site. We finally have all of the access points and antennas for installing CBRS at three school sites, and so we will begin installing the equipment.

From the Public Information Officer

- MS Electives communications
- Parcel tax exemption annual education campaign
- Staff appreciation planning and video hug project promotion
- Full day of filming for 11 schools' promotion ceremony videos
- Graham Learning Recovery meeting support
- Media interview
- Distance Learning School communication to parents

From the Communications Specialist

- Reclassification video creation, production, and release

From the Equity Coach

This week, Megan continued her work with the Strategic Planning and Cabinet teams to refine the goals and timelines related to the Strategic Plan. She attended the Leadership Team meeting on Tuesday and also attended a webinar training on Cultural Sensitivity in the Workplace to gain experience on how to discuss cultural inclusivity in the workplace with MVWSD teachers and staff. On Wednesday, Megan facilitated the following Equity seminars:

Examining Privilege, Castro Elementary School

Facilitating Critical Conversations, Vargas Elementary School

Facilitating Critical Conversations, Huff Elementary School

Examining Privilege, Theuerkauf Elementary School

Examining Privilege, Landels Elementary School

She had her bi-monthly 1:1 with Principal Ryan Santiago to discuss progress being made on the Equitable Access to Choice Schools Project and also met with the Equimetrix/Orgametrics team along with Dr. Rudolph to focus their work on specific elements of the strategic plan. She finalized the May #BetterTogether Infographic and collaborated with Shelly Hausman and Corinne Mitchner

to develop Social Media posts related to the celebration of AAPI Heritage Month in May. She attended the reclassification ceremony on Thursday evening and co-taught a lesson on identity and personal narrative storytelling with a communications/journalism class at Graham Middle School with teacher Tom Sayer.

Chief Human Relations Officer

This week in the administrative services department, Tara Vikjord met with members from El Camino Hospital to schedule COVID testing dates for May and discuss options for the upcoming year. Communication updates were shared with the staff about the testing dates, vaccine information, and COVID protocols.

She worked with Kimberly Martinez in the business department to provide information to staff about COVID sick leave balances.

Tara also facilitated regular weekly meetings with human resources, student services, Brian Perron, and both union presidents. She also worked with the District and MVEA negotiating teams this week.

The human resources department has been working to staff our district for the 2021-22 school year. Temporary teachers were provided with contracts for all open positions for the upcoming year. The hiring team has been interviewing and hiring teachers for additional open elementary teaching positions for the year ahead. We are in the process of interviewing candidates for the Landels principal position.

The student services department is continuing to work with families to enroll students and verify enrollment information so that our students are ready for the new school year.

Our District nurses are closely supporting student needs on campus and answering questions related to COVID concerns, providing additional support to families.

Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Department

This week in the Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation department, Brian Perron attended multiple meetings with HVAC contractors and administrators. Brian did campus walkthroughs at Crittenden, Monta Loma, Castro, Mistral, Stevenson, and Vargas. The crew continued to close out work orders and help the sites with any additional sanitizing support that they may need. This week, the MOT department resolved 29 work orders and received 69 new work orders.

From the Chief Academic Office

Cathy Baur and Geoff Chang continued to plan for summer programs. The District will be providing the following programs this summer:

- Extended School Year for eligible students with disabilities. Will be held as a hybrid both in person on the Monta Loma campus and online with limited transportation.
- Silicon Valley Education Foundation – Elevate Math – 6 virtual classes for students who are low income and 1 year behind in math
- Valdes Math Institute - 70 spots for students in grades who are two or more years behind in math.
- Olimpico Learning – 12 classes (6 virtual and 6 in person at Monta Loma) for low-income students who attend Castro school

Students will be invited by the District to enroll in each program based off of income status and academic achievement. Programs run for 4-5 weeks over the course of the summer. Monta Loma is the only campus available this summer due to construction projects happening at all other sites, and current COVID restrictions limit the District's ability to transport students each day. A full update will be provided to the Board of Trustees at the May 6th meeting.

Cathy attended a variety of meetings, including Cabinet, a Strategic Planning meeting to review action steps for year one initiatives, a meeting with the Community School of Music and Art to plan for 2021-22, and a Partner Schools meeting with MVLA and LASD to plan for math collaboration in the 2021-22 school year. She met with representatives from the HEARD Alliance and attended the district's "The Talk: Anti-Asian Racism and the Model Minority Myth."

Cathy continued to work on the Local Control Accountability Plan and associated annual updates. She attended a training held by the Santa Clara County Office of Education to review how to write appropriate actions and services. The LCAP draft is almost complete, and Cathy will be sharing it with the District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC), District Advisory Committee (DAC), and the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) in May for feedback. In June, she will bring a 3-year Local Control Accountability Plan, the 2019-20 annual update, the Learning Attendance and Continuity Plan (LCP) annual update, the LCAP Federal Addendum, and the Local Indicators (published on the California Dashboard) for approval.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week Interim Director Swati Dagar met with the middle school administrative team to plan for iReady administration and communication. Swati participated in the Comprehensive Assessment Systems - Community of Practice meeting led by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. She conducted some middle school Science classroom walkthroughs along with the District Science Coach. Coordinator Regina Aguas and Swati Dagar started instructional curriculum materials planning for the upcoming school year. Coordinator Raquel Hernandez and Swati also met to plan for Science Kit Materials distribution for STEAM Teachers. Director Jon Aker, Mistral Principal Claudia Olaciregui, and Information Services Supervisor Alejandra Garcia met with Swati to discuss Spanish report cards. Along with the District Hiring Team, Swati participated in Principal interviews for Landels Elementary and facilitated Round 2 interviews with the Landels school site team.

Swati attended the weekly Cabinet Meeting and met with Superintendent Rudolph for her 1:1 meeting. She met with Chief Academic Officer Baur for her weekly meeting and participated in the Leadership Team Meeting. Along with the District Negotiations Team, Swati participated in a full day of MVWSD-MVEA Negotiations. With Chief HR Officer Tara Vikjord, Swati Dagar met with some middle school teachers and the administrative team to discuss upcoming school year schedules. Mistral Elementary Site Principal, the Dual Immersion ADTLE professional development consultant, and Swati Dagar met to discuss dual immersion program implementation and support.

Health and Wellness

No updates this week.

Special Education

The Special Education Department was busy this week training staff on data collection for potential learning loss our students might have experienced. Based on new learnings from recent legal training, a data collection tool was created by a small team of district staff, overseen by Ms. Ellard. Ms. Ellard communicated this tool, as well as providing background and an overview to our team in a special education staff meeting.

Ms. Ellard also met with principals on specific student needs, collaborated with site teams on-site and student needs, and attended IEP meetings. She also met with a parent whose child currently attends a private school but is considering returning to our district schools. Additionally, Ms. Ellard assessed one student for an upcoming IEP meeting. She also virtually walked through classrooms at Graham preschool.

Ms. Ellard attended the district's cabinet meeting, leadership team meeting and met with a contracting company regarding nursing staff. Ms. Ellard also met with staff from the Mountain View Voice to answer questions regarding disproportionality. Lastly, Ms. Ellard met with the department secretary regarding Extended School Year, as well as with Mr. Chang and Ms. Baur regarding summer program planning.

State and Federal Programs

This week, Geoff worked with Cathy Baur to coordinate the set-up of various summer programs being offered to students and families. Alongside Priscila Bodganic and Claudia Navarrete, Geoff continued planning and working on tasks for the Reclassification Ceremony. Geoff worked with principals to recommend students for both full time pod spots and after school care with our partners YMCA and Right At School. He met with various cabinet and leadership team individuals to draft three action plans for initiatives related to the upcoming Strategic Plan 2027. He prepared for upcoming evaluation meetings with principals, SCEFs, and ARIS, checked in with the support teams at Mistral, Theuerkauf, and Graham, and coached one principal. Geoff also began working on the Federal Addendum to the 2021 LCAP, enlisting the help of Cathy Baur and Regina Aguas.

Preschool

This past week, Terri Kemper met with several distance learning classroom teams for instructional feedback and reflection and did a check-in meeting with in-person teachers. Terri attended the district's "The Talk: Anti-Asian Racism and the Model Minority Myth," the Castro/Mistral Community Restroom meeting, and the SCCOE COVID Designee meeting for programs serving children and youth. She also participated as a panelist in a discussion with private preschool and childcare directors on the CDE's Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP), a state child assessment tool. Additionally, Terri has been collecting and compiling data as part of a preschool program needs assessment.

The preschool program has been working on seamless transitions in two distance learning classes as teachers have gone on maternity leave. In-person classrooms have settled into routines and are operating smoothly. All teachers are completing third-trimester student assessments and preparing for next week's parent-teacher conferences. The office staff is working on enrollment for the 2021-22 school year.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

The Mistral office renovation project is moving along, and we will hold a pre-construction meeting next week. After school is out, movers will move the contents of the front office into the MUR. Part of the plans for Mistral also calls to move the MDF room to the exterior of the building. We are currently coordinating with AT&T for the move.

Perimeter controls will start to be installed during the summer. Since we are only a few weeks away from students being off-campus, the decision was made to hold off on construction until the summer. Monta Loma will not move forward until designs are completed.

For the upcoming site lighting meetings, we will have an engineer at each meeting to answer residents' questions about lighting and brightness. Since each site is designed to meet specific needs, each situation is slightly different and not easily represented on a diagram.

There have been some concerns about supply disruptions for our HVAC projects this summer, but we are currently on track for our summer projects. If supply disruptions occur, we will update the board.

We had anticipated removing the majority of portables put in under Measure G this year but will be keeping them an additional year. The cost to remove some of the portables and not all was not cost-effective. Additionally, having the additional space next year could provide a buffer if enrollment is drastically different than what we are expecting or if we need space to provide PODs again.

Business Services

The budget devolvement team worked on Estimated Actual and Budget Adoption. We met with Cathy Baur to go over the LCAP draft and strategize ways to streamline the process for budget updates that impact the LCAP and Budget overview for Parents.

PR processed paychecks for the month of April.

- Held one Departmental meeting.
- CBO and Director attended the Cabinet meeting.
- CBO and the Director of Fiscal Services participated in the strategic planning team meeting.
- CBO and the Director of Fiscal Services participated in the Leadership meeting.
- CBO, Director of Fiscal Services, and Budget Analyst met with Cathy Baur to go over the LCAP and Budget overview for Parents.

- CBO met with the Director of Fiscal Services and Budget Analyst.
- CBO presented action steps for the strategic plan
- CBO participated in negotiations
- CBO and Director attended reclassification ceremony and congratulated students
- Now that Summer Seamless has been extended for the next school year, the Director of Child Nutrition and CBO are working to strategize on feeding additional students.

Child Nutrition

No updates this week.