

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph
August 10, 2020

Enrollment for support programs:

I am still waiting on an update from the YMCA, but I am happy to report that Right at school has already increased its enrollment, since providing a presentation to the Board. They are now going to run several classrooms out of the portables from the District Office. I would assume that YMCA has seen similar increases in enrollment.

Pure Good Donation

As you can see on the upcoming board meeting agenda, Pure Good Foundation donated 10,220 dollars to MVWSD. Their goal is to help the district to purchase school supplies for students who are either Homeless, in transitional housing, or who are in need of additional help. This is really a blessing for our students.

Wifi enabled parking lots:

We are adding two more schools to our expanding list of parking lots that are enabled with wifi. Huff and Vargas. While this coverage does not extend over the whole city, it does provide parents with options in the event that they have an outage. There are now 10 hotspot locations within our district.

Covid-19 Checklist:

In the coming days, we will be posting our first Covid-19 general readiness checklist. This checklist, which is listed in our "Getting to Reopen" plan will be updated weekly. Principals will begin to post a site weekly assessment starting on the 28th of August.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with four direct reports
- Led the weekly Cabinet meeting
- Participated in the EOC Superintendents COVID-19 Coordination Call
- Met with Board of Trustees President
- Participated in the Square Panda Board of Advisors two-day meeting
- Held Superintendent's staff meeting
- Met with two Board of Trustee members

From the Director of Technology

- Preparing for the start of the school year.
 - Delivering students devices to the sites for distribution
 - Rostering the new digital curriculum for Science and Social Studies
 - Creating and rostering Google Classrooms for all teachers
- Interviewed another three candidates for our vacant Technology Support Technician position

From the Public Information Officer

- Zoom account management and support for schools' orientations and meetings
- Math, class lists and schedule parent communications
- Reopening checklist and meeting
- All Hands meeting coordination
- Principals' support of communication/web site updates
- Parent U promotion

From the Equity Coach

This week was primarily filled with work on the Board Presentation on Equity with Dr. Rudolph. To consolidate information for the presentation I worked to create goal statements for each Equity dimension. I also worked on StrategicPlan language and attended both cabinet meetings and a presentation of the 3 C's with Dr. Rudolph. I also attended the SCEF training with Geoff Change and scheduled meetings with Geoff to talk about ideas for parent university. I also scheduled meetings with Shelly Hausman and Arianna to talk about SPED goals related to equity. I attended several webinars related to Social Emotional Well-Being and its ties to Equity-focused work. I look forward to talking with the Board of Trustees next week!

Interim Chief Human Relations Officer

This week in the Administrative Services department, Tara Vikjord worked with site secretaries and clerks to provide updates and training. She also provided updates and information to all staff about free COVID testing for employees in the district. The Human Resources department has continued interviewing and hiring to staff all classroom positions as well as beginning to staff the virtual team!

The Student Services department and District nurses have continued supporting families with enrollment and immunization verification. Tara provided training for substitute teachers and continued to meet with staff members needing support with the interactive process. She has also been working to develop a self-screening process for all staff and has been working on the Social Distance Protocols for all sites.

Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Department

This week in the Maintenance Operations and Transportation department, Brian Perron met with the maintenance department for a regular weekly meeting. He also met with the reopening task force to continue the work on the reopening plan. He has also been walking campuses and has checked in with the custodians on the cleaning protocols for reopening. The team continues to work on daily maintenance and grounds work along with special projects.

From the Chief Academic Officer

This week Cathy Baur focused on a variety of projects. She continued to work to finalize plans with partners including Rhythm and Moves, the Community School of Music and Art, Environmental Volunteers, and Living Classroom She also spend a large amount of time

drafting the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. This plan will outline how we are providing quality education and services to students as we reopen schools this fall and must be approved no later than September 30, 2020. Cathy supported principals as they welcomed their teachers back and provided professional development on all aspects of the District's Distance Learning Plan. On Friday, she met with the District library technician team to review the plan for the 2020-21 school year.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week in the Curriculum Instruction, and Assessment Department, Interim Director Swati Dagar attended the TCI curriculum training with teachers and staff. She facilitated the first STEAM planning session for the school year to discuss and support STEAM implementation through Distance Learning. She worked with the Technology department and vendors on calibrating and supporting curriculum access for all teachers. Swati and Regina Aguas met with curriculum vendors to discuss and explore new virtual elements of our adopted curriculum. She participated in interviews for classroom teachers and the Virtual Teacher Team. Swati met with and supported multiple site administrators on distance learning implementation, Google Classroom roll-out as well as master scheduling queries. She also worked with the Director of Federal, State, and Strategic Programs to plan for the upcoming Parent University session on Distance Learning.

Special Education

This week the special education department met with the special education staff to update them on health and safety protocols, new legal updates, expectations for Distance learning, and monitoring goal progress. Each different group of teachers had time to collaborate and meet one another. New teacher Siras training also occurred this week. EL coordinators were trained this week as well as instructional assistants.

Ms. Ellard continued to support the district in interviews for teaching positions for the virtual team.

Both Ms. Ellard and Ms. Mayes attended a webinar with SELPA leaders and County Public Health for current special education updates. They also attended the Northwest Directors meeting and participated in IEP meetings.

State and Federal Programs

Geoff Chang worked on setting expectations for the work of the School and Community Engagement Facilitators and At-Risk Intervention Supervisors based on current needs of the district and feedback from principals and staff. SCEF and ARIS met officially for the first time on 8/14 to kick off their work supporting schools for the 20-21 school year.

Claudia Navarrete and Geoff continued ELPAC preparation. Geoff met with Jon Aker to discuss technical support if and when Initial ELPAC testing begins virtually. Claudia supported EL Coordinators by providing the most updated student lists and other logistics. Geoff and Claudia

also interviewed three additional EL Testers and scheduled them for training. The Special Education department provided training for EL Coordinators on specialized accommodations for certain students with IEPs.

Geoff worked with Swati Dagar and Acantha Ellard to interview distance learning teaching candidates. Geoff and Swati also contributed to the draft of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

Along with our community and staff partners, Geoff hosted two Parent University events this week: Mental Health Town Hall (over 300 families registered) and Distance Learning Resources (over 550 families registered). Claudia assisted with technical and logistical details, such as recording the events in both languages and posting them on the new Parent University website. Priscila Bogdanic took delivery of much needed additional school supplies for McKinney-Vento families and prepared them for families to pick up from sites during the first week of school. Priscila also worked with Geoff and Claudia on the upcoming Special DELAC meeting to review the Consolidated Application and the draft of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

Preschool

This week all preschool teachers and instructional assistants participated in four days of staff development, classroom team meetings, and teacher collaboration. Terri Kemper presented technology and curriculum training on all four days, and the preschool coach, Kate O'Malley, gave a social-emotional and behavior support training on one day. The Preschool office staff focused on enrollment updates and preparing learning and developmental screening materials for distribution to families next week.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Worked with Greystone to finish the updated budget for Measure T projects. This is a general estimate due to the fact that we do not yet have architects onboard.

We have received DSA approval for all but two sites for perimeter controls. To speed the process we will put the project out to bid in two phases.

The Vargas light is still on schedule to be completed on August 14th

MVWSD sent back another draft of a contract for Engie's review.

Business Services

The Budget Analyst and CBO are working to finish allocating the CARES funds with staff.

Purchasing is tracking school purchases to push them through quickly for the opening of school.

Postpones all-school photos until it is safe for staff and students.

Continuing to close the books for unaudited actuals

Budget Analyst, CBO, and Director worked to allocate CARES funds to include in the LCP

Held the first of three trainings for new principals on budget and purchasing in the district

Trained the Assistant Superintendent of HR on purchasing and using the districts financial system

Attended a webinar on facility use during COVID and how to limit liability and comply with the Civic Center Act.