

Bacich Site Council Meeting Notes
Date: 13 April 2020

Agenda

- 1) SC Norms - Amy Bornstein
- 2) Approve Minutes from March Meeting - Amy Bornstein
- 3) Distance Learning - Amber Hatfield and Mrs. Peck
- 4) Bacich Principal Search Update - Holly Myers

Attendees

Amy Bornstein, Parent, Co-Chair
Sally Peck, Principle, Co-Chair
Holly Myers, Parent
Methinee Bozeman, VP
Marty Ross, Teacher
Katie Stern, Teacher
Ilene Braff, Teacher
Elizabeth Petersen, Teacher
Katy Colwell, Teacher
Christina Chan, Parent
Eric Schafer, Parent
Estelle Dick, Parent
Lissette Fernandez-Hilson, Parent, Secretary
Amber Hatfield, English Learners

Notes

1) Norms Read

2) Minutes from November Approved

3) Distance / Virtual Learning - Amber Hatfield and Mrs. Peck

Distance / Virtual Learning has been an enormous learning curve for our teachers and students. We have been doing a lot to ensure this transition works for all. For English Learners in particular, here are some of the things Amber has been doing and new systems that have been put in place for this important part of our Bacich population:

- We started with form and phone outreach to families to see who needed devices for distance learning.
- Met with our English Language learner families either at home or at school to understand each of their individual needs.
- 43 families came to get school supplies and books. We provided nearly 100 families with devices and helped these families either become connected and/or how to set up the device so that it would be ready for distance learning.
- We formed a PTA buddy system with English Learners to address challenges for everything from logging in to the Kentfield School sessions to how to file for unemployment, how can I get food, how to get on WIFI, how to use QR code, etc. 17 families have been matched with PTA Buddies.
- Regarding free and reduced lunches: We purchased gift cards and we handed those out both at school and delivered to their homes for the first two weeks.

Feedback from Site Council: At Tam High: Providing meals for any child who is in need, under the age of 18. Please reach out to Amber Hatfield if you'd like to get more information about this program, crisis support programs, or any other social program you have questions about.

There has been a parent survey has been sent out. If you are a parent and you hvae feedback, please take this survey.

Questions:

Eric: Why isn't Bacich using the same systems that Kent is using? Why are there different protocols for a two-school district? The parents are now the teachers, so it would be great to streamline between the two schools.

Marty: We are trying to make this kid-friendly so they don't have to learn something new. So that's why we tried to keep everything on the same platform they were always using. Some of these platforms aren't used at Kent.

Scott: Is it possible for each class to engage every day at the beginning of the day to kick off their learning? It helps to create uniformity and regularity to their day. Why we can't just do that every day as a minimum?

Mrs Peck - Zoom is a complex teaching tool - need to think about it by grade. We can't accommodate everyone as hard as we try. Never has the parent/teacher partnership be so critical and important. But we will think about ways to add consistency at the beginning of each day.

Christina - Pre-reordered messages have been working great. Seems like Zoom for younger kids is hard to keep kids engaged.

Amy: Having a teacher Live provides accountability for my kids that I just can't provide and makes a really big difference. Also, what does this new reality mean as far as level-setting for moving into the next grade? Is it possible to have school-wide enrichment also teach live once a week? Can we also include time estimates for parents so they understand the scope of assignments?

Mrs Peck - I can't expect teachers who also have kids to get online and teaching live in the morning. It's hard. We are doing the best we can. I'm open for things that work for all of us. We are still trying things. We will get better and better.

Irene: The specialists are updating the videos on their websites each week. So, we have that. But no plans to do live lessons yet.

Holly: Can we take a lesson from Kent who offers optional enrichment classes each day?

Estelle: Why did the 3rd grade team decide to load all of the activities at the beginning of the week?

Katy: We wanted to help the parents decide how to plan their week so we wanted them know what was coming.

Scott: We have come a long way. Where we were a few weeks ago vs. where we are today. We are all thankful. This is all new. And we need to keep this kid centric. We are looking to the school for leadership on how to educate our kids. The more you can help us understand, the more we can do to help. Let's keep the kids at the for-front.

5)Principal Search - Holly Myers

We are in the second round of interviews and there should be an announcement soon.