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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY
BOARD
MARCH 18, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Jamie Cassutt-Sanchez, called the meeting of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board to order at 5:04 PM on Thursday, March 18, 2021, via Zoom meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Councilor Jamie, Cassutt
Member Niveditha, Bala
Member Cadence, Gonzales
Member Nolan, Hall
Member Avi, Pope
Member Valeria, Ramirez

Members Excused:

Member Miguel Angel Gonzalez Moreno

Others Attending:

George Carrasco, Clerk

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approved

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Member of SFPS School Board or SFPS Administration (Councilor Cassutt-Sanchez)



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Associate Superintendent Larry Chavez, Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) presented on SFPS's plan to reopen schools in the district. He mentioned that April 6 is the target date to reopen schools and that the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) will not allow a hybrid model there will only be two models. Either remote model or in-person model. He mentioned that there might be a possibility of a five-day school week. Planning will continue for school reopening, part of that process was a survey that was sent out to all parents of children in SFPS. They are hoping to have a detailed plan laid out by next week, reminding that part of the reopening plan takes into account support staff from SFPS including cooks, janitorial, secretaries, and other administrative staff and not just the teachers. Returning students to the in-person model will still be required to wear masks and steps have been taken to keep everyone safe. High school freshmen will be introduced to their campus with videos and other materials. Ms. Chavez then opens it up to questions to the board.

Cadence Gonzales thanks Ms. Chavez for attending the meeting. She talked about there being a disconnect with emails send from SFPS and there being a concern with safety for students that are going to be in-person model.

Ms. Chavez understands the safety concern; he mentioned that students would still be required to wear masks and sanitizing stations. Also, tarps or canapés will be available for possible outside class sessions or for lunchtime. SFPS is doing there best to keep in compliance with guidelines outlined by the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) and the New Mexico Department of Education (NMPED.) They will be monitoring school staff with random covid tests and also included air circulators in classrooms.

Councilor Cassutt-Sanchez mentioned that she was in a meeting that mentioned that most teachers have received their first covid vaccine. She hopes this will aid in school reopening.

Mr. Chavez mentioned that there have been around 50%-60% of the responses from the survey want to go back to the in-person model. With the other 50%-40% staying with the remote model.

Avi Pope asks if this only applies to SFPS high schools.

Mr. Chavez answers that this applies to all schools in SFPS.

Valeria Ramirez asks how teaching will look like

Mr. Chavez said that teachers have become more flexible in teaching online and there has been professional development for teachers to teach both online and in person.

Cadence Gonzales asked that with things reopening, what would happen if there were a covid positive case during the reopening.

Mr. Chavez said that they have been practicing this and if there were a covid positive case there would be contact tracing that would be done. If there is a covid positive there would have to be quarantined for people that had contact with the person who was covid positive.



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Avi Pope asked what is the plan to not have students congregate in groups.

Mr. Chavez said that it is going to be tough for students but there will have to be constant reminders on social distancing.

Nolan Hall asked what regulations would be in place during lunchtime when students are eating and drinking.

Mr. Chavez said that students during lunchtime would still be socially distanced and that everyone will be facing one direction. Also taking advantage of the outdoor spaces.

Cadence asks how the schools plan to handle students congregating in hallways.

Mr. Chavez said that steps have been taken to help prevent this including dots in the hallways that indicate which direction students should walk to class. As well as maybe, using a staggered bell schedule.

Mr. Chavez shared his contact information with the board and asks for suggestions and input on school reopening.

Avi Pope asks why is reopening happening now.

Mr. Chavez says that it was a mandate from NMPED to open up April 6 and that opening will follow safe practice guidelines. Mr. Chavez thanks the board for inviting him to speak.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **MATTERS FROM STAFF**

8. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There are no matters from the Committee.

9. **MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

Cadence Gonzales asks for a meeting with the Councilor and staff to go over future agendas

Councilor Cassutt-Sanchez agrees and said she would send an email to set up a meeting.

10. **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 15, 2021**



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11. ADJOURN

Cadence Gonzales adjourns the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Liaison

Cadence Gonzales (Sep 2, 2021 15:34 MDT)

Chair