

Health and Safety DAC Minutes 5/23/22

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM

I. Call to Order / Approval of Minutes (5 Minutes)

- Approval of Minutes from 1/24/22, 3/21/22, and 4/25/22
- Minutes approved for 1/24/2022: Pat Nolan, seconded by Tara Brown, 3/21/22 minutes approved by Pat and seconded by Keith, 4/25/22 minutes: Mark Kelly added attendees at top. Pat moves to approve, Tara Brown seconds it.

II. **PRESENTATION:** Time Stamp 7:05pm Dr. Ashley Benjamin, Principal of McKinley Elementary School: The McKinley Rainbow Club: First LGBTQ club (Rainbow Club) started by Dr. Benjamin at McKinley Elementary school.

Dr. Benjamin: Goal to foster whole child, overall well-being. Important to systems in place so students can be happy healthy kids. Fostering positive, safe environment, many benefits for children. Develop self-esteem and confidence. See attached presentation. Permission slips went out to parents. Club is as student centered as possible. Some kids identify as LGBTQ, and some who are allies. Leadership opportunities, book recommendations, posters for pride month about inclusivity and affirmation. Hoping to see club grow next year, as it's new.

Questions:

Q: How many members in your Rainbow club?

A. 15 students signed up (typical for club sign-ups)

Tara inviting Dr. Benjamin to Principals' meeting to present. Hope is to have a Rainbow club on every campus.

Laila: Regarding kids articulating from early on teacher liaisons contact teacher liaisons at Lincoln for transition from elementary school to middle school. Maybe Lincoln club members can come to McKinley to speak to Rainbow club. Transition is being discussed about Rainbow club at McKinley to Lincoln, reception has been warm and welcome. Only positive reception from McKinley school community.

Q. Are there Rainbow clubs in other elementary schools nearby? If it's a novel concept maybe we pollinate it? Has it gone to the board?

A. Other schools attended the training LAUSD and others in S. California.

Tara: It was presented to board at last board meeting. Tara, Nurses Kristen and Shuli has formed a training/professional dev. committee, possible forms to go out at beginning of year for pronoun preferences. Also, talk about policy Student Araceli: Never felt like I had a true safe space. Felt stigma in middle school, she would have appreciated having a safe place to learn about it in elementary school. Student Linda, "very beneficial and something that can change kids' lives."

Mark: "end of year report we can convey message about this presentation and its effect on our group."



III. **PRESENTATION:** Time Stamp 7:40pm Kristen Furano, SMMUSD School R.N.: 5th Grade Human Growth and Development Presentation updates:

Nurse Kristin: first presentation began at Franklin with updated curriculum.

Presentation at Franklin went well, some giggling. . . there were a decent amount of questions from kids.

Richard TJ "I'm completely supportive. I think it is important for the board to be exposed to this presentation. Mart for board members to be walked through this as we have polarized politics." Richard would like to go through this in a smaller group before it goes to a public meeting. Richard gives explanation on gender and sex. Kristin invited him to join committee, Richard agreed.

Pat comments on hypocrisy of schools starting too early for adolescents and the talk about sleep.

Araceli comments about a project she and classmates completed on creating a period app that is less gender specific.

Tara asks for app.

Araceli's group project app: <https://app.flutterflow.io/run/Wou8HCZgda6COFmth7wG>

Araceli explains that the app is just a prototype.

Shuli: policy going to the board has specific definition of terms.

- (Insert presentation here) Power point

IV. Public Comments (5 Minutes)

V. Report from SMFD / SMPD (10 Minutes)

- Suzanne Post / Ana Jara - SMPD

VI. Report from Board Liaisons (15 Minutes)

- Keith Coleman / Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein

Keith: Board wants to remain vigilant to provide the right level of protection for kids in our district (RE – violence). Mental health – Board wants to remain focused on mental health needs. Self-care can't be done all on one's own.

Richard: We are dealing with issues at SMASH, facility issues and mold. Children were moved from that one space, but need to mitigate ASAP, and that all of Muir and SMASH will need to be rehoused for next academic year. Regular testing will happen so people's health and safety (at the compass) is a priority. This is something that is being treated as urgent. Dr. Drati met with parents and staff at Muir/SMASH. Tomorrow another meeting tomorrow with parents and staff.

VII. Report and Updates from SMMUSD Staff (45 Minutes)

- Rachel Bressler / Shuli Lotan / Tara Brown / Mark Kelly

Mark: Tentative agreement with robust salary increases to help with recruitment and retention (certified). Negotiations with classified and management units to happen. Tara compliments Dr. Kelly for demeanor during process with teacher's union. Process Dr. Kelly and Union used to negotiate is called Intraspace Bargaining. Dr. Kelly discusses how hard this year was (harder than the last two!)

Shuli: coordinators meeting last week. Supports (mental health) will be in place for summer school. Trends, students will end therapy in May, but kids are asking (now) to continue.
Comment: A realtor organization gave \$1000 to Malibu for health.

Tara: discussions are underway about when schools will stop Covid 19 testing on school sites. Discussions are ongoing. Anti-bullying training, restorative justice level 1, 2, 3 training, LGBTQIA trying to plan trainings. Permit season and lots of intra-district have come in inter-district permits deadline in June, but determining what will happen with Muir/SMASH will impact permits. Need to see what happens at Muir/SMASH first before dealing with permits.

Next meeting June 20th – Tara asking if we want to meet in person

- SMMUSD Covid-19 Dashboard: <https://www.smmusd.org/Dashboard>

County Updates on Covid-19 since last DAC meeting for your reference/reading pleasure

- LACOE Updates:
 - [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (5/7/22)
 - [CAL/OSHA COVID-19 ETS - FAQs Testing](#)
 - [Exposure Management Plan in TK-12 Schools](#) (5/5/22)
 - School Portal for Outbreak Tracking [SPOT](#)
 - [Requirements for Reporting Cases at Your School - Training Resources](#)

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination

- Are you up to date with your Covid-19 Vaccine? Receiving your initial vaccine series gives you more freedom to work, visit certain venues and, in some cases, travel with fewer restrictions. But getting up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including a booster dose (when eligible), provides the best protection against COVID-19 and variants like Omicron and Delta. [Schedule your vaccine or booster appointment](#)

- Weekly Site Covid Testing: Last day for High School Weekly Covid testing will be May 27th. Last day for Elementary Weekly Covid Testing will be June 3rd.
- Eight Free Covid-19 Home Test Kits per Household Available - The White House announced on Monday that 8 more Covid-19 Home Test Kits are now available at no charge as part of a government program.

How to order:

It only takes a couple of minutes to order the kits: Visit www.COVIDTests.gov, enter your contact information and mailing address, and select "Place My Order."

If you don't have internet access or need additional help placing an order, call 1-800-232-0233 between 8 a.m. and midnight EST, any day of the week.

No ID, credit card or health insurance information is required. You can also choose to share your email address if you want tracking updates on your order. And it's completely free — there is no shipping charge.

Kits should ship within 7-12 days of ordering. Orders within the contiguous United States will be sent as a First-Class parcel, while shipments to Alaska, Hawaii, U.S. territories and overseas military and diplomatic addresses will be sent through Priority Mail.

- Exposure Notification Letter: Administrators are using this revised exposure notification letter as of May 18, 2022. [Exposure Notification Letter 5.18.22](#)

VI. Report from Student Representatives (10 Minutes)

- Linda Morazan / Araceli Aronin
 1. **Araceli**: puppy party was very successful
 2. **Linda**: Boys and girls club is doing a lot for mental health. Doing a lot of mental health activities now, perhaps as distraction from stress of finals. Fun stuff that's Covid friendly. Lots of Seniors testing positive for Covid.

Dr. Kelly thanks Linda and Araceli for their commitment to our group. Group congratulates them on their next moves (college).

VII. New Business

- [Review of charges](#)
- Member input
- Future agenda items: Review/Edit [Wellness policy final draft 2016](#)

****Next Health and Safety DAC meeting will be June 20, 2022 at 7pm. Zoom TBA**

VIII. Adjournment 9:05 PM

If you will require accommodation to participate in this activity, please notify us at least five days before the event. Si usted necesita que se hagan arreglos para que participe en esta reunion, por favor, comuniquese con las escuela de su hijo/a or el distrito 5 dias antes de la reunion.