



Family Engagement Forum

An Education Collaboration
in the Capitol Region

September 10, 2020

Zoom
12pm-2pm

Meeting Notes:

Galt Elementary Presentation

Jennifer Collier – The district has started a video series called Checking in With Galt Elementary. These five-minute fire side chat style videos are produced with minor help from SECC. The first video was done with Galt's Superintendent, Board President and the Board President's daughter discussing a few topics revolving around the pandemic. The second video was done with Karen Albert, a SEVA Teacher, who demonstrated how to use Google Chromebooks and how-to login into Google Classroom. The next video will be done on how to checkout library books.

The district is noticing that the role of the parent is becoming more engaged. Parents are also developing an appreciation for what teachers are doing. The mindset is great in the district, everyone is thinking about one another and how to keep everyone safe.

Technology and food service are a huge focus for the district. Making sure students have what they need. 11:30am-1:30pm is pickup window.

Lights on After School is an event on Oct 22nd that celebrates expanded learning opportunities. Showcase of opportunities including 4H, Girl Scouts, etc. Planning on having a drive through event this year.

Round Table Sharing

Shari Malespin (Robla) – Robla's focus has been on feeding families. One day a month there are student material pickup days where students pick up school supplies, including materials from art teachers. The district is also working on the continuity plan and has several meetings scheduled this month to discuss. School has been in session for 15 days and some students haven't shown up or aren't engaged. Social Workers are on it trying to figure out the challenge and connect with the right person to fix the challenge. Schools are doing virtual back to school nights and the district is working with several different organizations to ensure families and students have the support they need for distance learning. Robla also worked with SECC to create the Superintendent Welcome Back Message which focused on racial inequity, this will be a common theme throughout the district this year.

Liz Rhodes (SECC) – SEVA Lab funding was received again this year, but the focus is on providing equipment for students to use at home. Over 2,000 students will receive some type of equipment to use at home during distance learning. SECC is also putting on the first ever SEVA CON. Events will happen every other Thursday at 3:45pm through Zoom and include topics such as building a home studio and virtual field trips.

Nancy Lopez (Elk Grove) – Elk Grove is officially a team of 8, the district was able to hire an additional person to help with refugee families. There has been lots of professional learning and virtual home visits, using the same model as the in-person visits done previously. Elk Grove is offering workshops to improve attendance, rethinking family engagement during distance learning and talking points. There are also Virtual Office Hours offered to families, one in the morning and one in the evening, where they can come to the FACE Team for any support they may need. The evening session is dedicated to other languages. The district is also developing a virtual Wellness Series for families and staff including how to balance daily life.

Ryan Miranda (Center) – Food Service Summer Meals will carry over into school year in the Center District. Every student will receive free breakfast and lunch. Utilizing transportation department to deliver meals to bus stops. Tech services and support are delivering technology to families, working with Comcast to provide free internet to those who need it and working on reimbursement to families who can't afford WIFI. There are 160 students that need to be engaged. The Family Resource Center is still open and available to families by appointment only.

Lisa Borrego (San Juan) – San Juan is finishing it's Learning Continuity Plan. Focusing on removing barriers and reacting appropriately and timely to family needs. Also working on being a part of the professional development network. The FACE Team is connecting with school sites and providing them with assistance in outreach to students and families. Being strategic about what areas need the most support/focus. Faith based organizations have been reaching out to provide resources and district has been asking for more. There is a huge need for headphones/microphones and the organizations have been able to help. Providing hot spots for childcare locations that are housing students during the day to ensure distance learning is possible. The district is also creating virtual calming rooms that will be at a district level.

Heriberto Soto (Twin Rivers) – District has started to implement a parent portal and is focused on providing resources, how to engage families and teaching skills.

Monica Gonzalez (SCOE) – Expanded learning was fully funded for all programs. Was shared early on so districts were able to keep on all employees and keep relationships. Funds are flexible in terms of when services are provided. Focus on students that are "missing" by coordinating with principals to find out who students are, and expanded learning representatives are reaching out to try and connect.

Connie Lee (SCOE) – SCOE will launch speakers series in October. There is a focus on English learner support. El Rise series to help English learners during distance learning. (Flyer Attached).

Registration Link for Teachers -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4bWxrdogTLDEe7Lz3mdYobPR47BDhpuM6bD DR2djIzGpJw/viewform>.

For administrators -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd81uhemstOONI3EVRcIoYC1_JmHOCA9004igJyJU4tRK9yuA/viewform.

Lisset Mijares (Natomas) – Emailed Statement: I have been working on Start of School and I am overseeing the Childcare/Day camps at our 9 schools....just think about actually opening our school during the pandemic...so it's been an interesting two weeks. I am also working on a new

project called Secondary Showcase where we highlight all of the programming at our secondary high schools with middle school families.

Currently, for Family Engagement I am working with school principals to offer virtual parent workshops like how to use zoom and google classroom.

The secondary showcase will also be a resource to families to better understand what we offer in our high schools. I am still looking for other resources to share with our families and could benefit from our meeting on Thursday during table sharing. I am in need of support during this pandemic.

Programming Times

SECC has reintroduced the Family Engagement Programming block into the schedule. There are two separate blocks that will play twice a week. Block one on Monday at 7:30am and Saturday 11am. Block two on Friday at 7:30am and Sunday at 2pm on channel 15. These blocks will be used to highlight district content that is especially important for families.

Production Letter

At the request of the forum SECC created a production letter that introduces the organization and further explains the production benefits offered to members. Please feel free to share the attached letter with anyone in your district that may be interested in using SECC's services.

Future Agenda Items

Brainstorm Best Practices for Communications

Meaningful Engagement

Update from San Juan on virtual calming rooms.

Future Meetings: Thursdays, 12-2pm

November 12th- Hosted By: San Juan

January 14th - Hosted By: SCOE

March 11th - Hosted By: Robla

May 13th - Hosted By: Center