



Family Engagement Forum

An Education Collaboration
in the Capitol Region

Thursday
March 11, 2021
12pm-2pm

Meeting Notes:

Round Table Sharing

Center – Elementary schools return in a hybrid mode on March 25th and 26th then students will go on spring break. There is still an option for distance learning. Secondary schools will not be starting until in the county is in the red tier. The FACE team is still providing outreach and support to the community while focusing on mental health and the transition back. On Monday the team is hosting a live virtual showing of Anxst followed by a local panel discussion on Thursday about support and how families can access the resources available to them.

SCOE – The team is following the leads of the districts. Making an effort to provide vaccinations for staff and maintain partnerships to assist with access to the vaccine. There is an upcoming board meeting that will provide the opportunity to showcase the offerings that have been occurring over the last year. The meeting will be a culmination of last year and this year.

Elk Grove – The first meeting of the Family of Black Student group, created with the assistance of coaching from Michele Brook, was held on the 24th. Mostly families attended and there were many positives that came from it. The district has been doing a lot with talking points and purchased the program for all teachers to use. This is mainly for EL families, but is a good resource for all families. You can send out a message and it is translated into the recipients main language, the family responds in their language and the message is translated back to English for the teacher. The Family Leadership Academy has been transferred to distance learning and the Wellness Series is still going on. Schools begin returning next week with four different tracks, each has their own return dates. Secondary schools will not come back until in the red tier.

Natomas – Started Prek-2nd grade last week. 3rd and 6th grade self contained this week. Students are very happy, as are most teachers. The district had a testing center and have added a vaccination clinic as well. All teachers will be doing distance learning tomorrow in case

of side effects. Parent University is wrapping up Love and Logic. Spanish families have expressed interest in participating in the session as well. The district will continue offering college and career programs. There is a new department for Family and Community Communications coming to the district soon. Natomas is planning for graduations to be virtual and in-person at football stadiums or other outdoor venues hopes to finalize plans by the end of the month.

Twin Rivers – Finishing up enrollment after hosting a series of virtual enrollments. District is also hosting a virtual Parent University with about 20 different topics. The return date for elementary is April 6th, once in red tier the district will start looking at secondary students. The district submitted a survey this morning to create a Native American group. There is a Parent and Guardian of African American Families group that was created with a community partner. The group has been meeting via Zoom. Families receive a meal voucher for up to four meals from local restaurant.

Galt Elementary (Email from Monica Garcia) - It's Preschool and Kinder Registration time for the 2021-22 school year. We are actively recruiting and assisting families with the completion of registration packets. While our district has been offering small cohorts for high needs students are Pre-K-6th grade students who have chosen to return to in-person learning will do so next week for a series of orientation sessions. [Preschool's first day will be Monday, March 22, and TK-6th Tuesday, March 23.](#) GJUESD will be offering small cohorts A and B schedule blended learning. Some teachers have opted to teach both their in-person and distance learning students simultaneously. Currently, our outreach team and I are in production mode creating a video for our Preschool families regarding the Reopening Safety Protocols. Also, teaming with school sites to provide families support during the school reopening process. We continue to offer "Wellness Check" phones to our Migrant, EL, or high-needs populations. Questions include, "How are your children doing with distance learning? Is your child struggling academically? Do you have a need for food, housing, clothing, health insurance? Any health concerns?" We continue to offer parent support classes through La Familia Counseling Center, UC Cooperative Extension, and Wellness Friday. Also, continue to offer parent engagement and leadership opportunities through committees like DELAC, Parent Advisory Committee- Migrant Ed, Fairside Preschool, and Special Education. Galt has been selected as one of 8 school districts in California for the Reach for the Upside Initiative offered by Stanford d. School and Genetech.

SEVA Award Night – April 18th

The SEVA Award Celebration will be a two week event this year. Starting off on April 5th with the announcement of the Defining 2020 Awards. The Defining 2020 Award is new to this year and recognizes students who's productions speak to the challenging and unique times. Finalists will be announced the week of April 12th and the Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 18th. All SEVA Award Night shows will be on Comcast Channel 16 beginning at 5pm. Invitations will be sent out next week with more details.

Graduations

SECC is already starting to receive requests for assistance with graduations. If your district is interested in SECC helping with any productions please reach out to Jessica as soon as possible.

Future Agenda Items

Brainstorm Best Practices for Communications

What practices developed in the last year that you will keep when back in person?

Future Meetings: Thursdays, 12-2pm

May 13th - Hosted By: Center

September 2nd – Host:

November 4th – Host:

January 6th – Host:

March 3rd – Host:

May 5th – Host: