

MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL MEETING

Magnolia Community Forum
 May 27, 2020 @ 3:15pm

21 attendees--

Question #1 Distance Learning

Ban	Thankful to everyone, misses everyone at school This is our only option. It's hard, they are asking to come back to school and texting their teachers and teachers are doing their best. They answer our questions, make it easier. But it is very hard. No Routine. I miss the routine in my life. Bronel's mom
Celina	Questions about next year. Wants to know about how that will go.
Angela	He has thrived and flourished in the online platform, he needs the socialization and friends. Concerned with incoming kindergartener and what it will entail and emotional stuff for him. Hard to manage all of it. Anderson's mom
Maggie	Working from home full time, Has 3 kiddos that attend Magnolia and trying to help them and balancing it all. Thankful for the playlist and the format to provide structure. Not sure how they are getting their extra help in reading mom. Send child care survey to her
Parents over the phone (Spanish)	2 out of the 3 moms over the phone feel that they are not tech-savvy enough to help their young children navigate the Chromebook. They have to rely on older siblings, family members, and or friends to be able to help their children. They also feel a little frustrated due to the language barrier.

Question #2 Childcare

Maggie	Yes, her kids are in EDP already. It is necessary.
Valerie	Yes, I need it. Filled out survey and is on the waiting list.
Several parents	Was interested or gave thumbs up.

Question #3 Dream for next year

<p>Break out Room (English)</p>	<p>Ban--Simple, return to school with all the restrictions they want...have kids in real life at school with cleaning and social distancing, mask is ok. At least they will have their teacher, we need them to be in person. Routines. We are hurt emotionally too.</p> <p>Summer program? :) Rules, procedures.</p> <p>Angela--I want things to go back to normal. I think this is ridiculous and unattainable, we don't respond this way for a flu or other illness. Social and emotional harm is more harmful than the virus. Being reasonable, I will go with what is decided, but I want my kids at school. Cleanliness and monitoring hand washing is important. Offer Options that meet the needs for all families. VARIETY. Personalized learning & options. Schools offer resources that students may not have access to. Are we going to have the budget for recreational sports and other activities.</p> <p>Social emotional need is a huge priority.</p> <p>Kait--smaller class sizes will help with social distancing and supporting students. We can get more teaching done with less students in the class at once. More individualized attention.</p>
<p>Break Out Room Arabic</p>	<p>Lots of questions about how to get kids on campus Have shorter days and focus on the subject and get instruction from teachers and work on playlist at home.</p> <p>Wondering about how to follow things like social distancing and masks.</p> <p>Alaa;I suggested, as a parent, to minimize the school's hours and focus on important subjects. For example, Finland as a country provides a better experience for teaching in less hours with more focus on a small, highly important subject. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xCe2m0kiSg&t=332s Also, if the district can add a subject in the future on how to deal with tough times like these and direct the students to benefit from our sources, that would greatly help the students in the long run. For instance, teaching them cooking, sewing, repairing their clothes, gardening (fruits and vegetables) would help a family make good use of it. In other words, teach them how to deal with hardships and face urgent situations.</p> <p>Rana asked that her son is a special needs student, and wanted to know how the school can help him deal with his weak immunity if the district will decide to reopen the schools.</p>
<p>Parent Chat Comment (iphone)</p>	<p>I didn't have a chance to speak but if distance learning was truly distance learning I prefer my kids to be at home. Unfortunately nothing is being taught since school has closed</p>

<p>Break Out Room English #2 (Sabrina)</p>	<p>Some parents are not comfortable with coming back. Want a better version of distance learning. With more small group instruction.</p> <p>Other parents were ready to come back and want their kids back on campus when it is safe.</p> <p>All parents having open regular office hours and parent meetings available in person and zoom is wonderful for flexibility.</p> <p>Parents want a version of DL options. Concerns for offering two days a week. What if students do not want to come to school on one of the two days? How will we manage that and will students be penalized for not coming to school on assigned days.</p>
<p>Parent Comment (iphone)</p>	<p>I think teachers should teach on zoom just like in a classroom. each hour spend 20- 30 minutes on instruction last half hour fir questions by students. cover 4 subjects in 4 hours and then assign homework. this will provide great distance learning. kids are amazing with technology</p>
<p>Parent Comment in chat Valerie</p>	<p>If Magnolia opened in the summer that would be great as long as it was safe.</p>
<p>Parent Comment from Randa</p>	<p>i would love for teachers to teach on zoom just like in classroom</p>

<p>1st Parent over the phone: Martha</p>	<p>Mom would like to continue with Distance learning until there is an actual vaccine that will help with COVID-19 since the flu season is approaching and to have both diseases at the same time it will be risky and scary. Also if the student could do a 1:1 in case the child has questions or is falling behind on a subject.</p>
<p>2nd Parent over the phone: Araceli</p>	<p>Her wish due to this situation is for her son to attend ½ a day if available and for the remainder of the day to do school work from home.</p>
<p>3rd Parent over the phone: Xochilt</p>	<p>Same as the 1st parent, her child is doing excellent with the zoom meetings and the playlist, he does miss being at school but gets happy when he sees his peers at the zoom meetings. Once there is a true vaccination that will actually work then she will feel comfortable sending her child to school.</p>