PAC MEETING NOTES - 5/13/20

The group went into breakout rooms.

Breakout Room Discussions:

Room 1 - Moving to a consistent school schedule for all workers. Teachers would like to be a part of the parent survey Zooms are closed after 5pm and on weekends making it hard to collaborate and need more flexibility. Middle schools go back to advisory groups for students. Grading is a concern. Possible Am/PM schedules.

Update: Zoom is closed at 5pm and weekends for students only, not employees.

Room 2 - How hard do we push parents. Some are calling daily. Attendance. What percentage do we have engaged in? Documenting progress.

Karen Minshew shared they are working on grading guidance draft for parents. Consulting with association, parents and staff. The groups are leading towards report cards for elementary and would like teachers comments. Middle school looking at credit / no credit for academic citizenship and effort by advising teachers. Other teachers can write a narrative to add. There is lots of information in the document and hope to have it done by Friday.

Danielle asked if progress reports are mandatory or optional.

Karen Minshew shared it is the teacher's choice to send out or not. Optional iReady reports. Progress to parents. Karen shared the district has been trying to identify an LMS (Learning Management System) for about 4 years. Some LMS don't share resources efficiently. The district is looking at two currently: Canvas and Empower. The best will be about our student progress in standards mastery which is complex in a system. We are going to fast track this. We need this to hold our content which is robust.

Victoria asked about filling in anything for effort?

Karen Minshew shared for elementary it is not spelled out but in middle school it is listed.

David Miyashiro shared we have been meeting with parents weekly for their input. Tamara Otero is holding Community Meetings at each site to hear from each group.

Karen Minshew shared the parent survey will be asking for a willingness to come back to school and hear their concerns. Do they want full time. We will be sending two surveys checking on readiness on allowing students to report. The first survey will be going out 5/11 - 5/22 and another in June. We will also be sending the Gallup survey and the Brookings Institute survey. Teachers were asked at your sites for feedback and we are using this data.

David Miyashiro shared we need to change our business model to address parent needs. We could be open from 6:00am to 6:00pm to accommodate families' schedules. We need to treat parents like customers. We need to grow our customer base. Our employees are our first customers. Our job is to take care of you and if we do that then students get the best version of you. We are offering tours at Chase to see the childcare program. We need to train students with new procedures for safety. Training is time intensive. There will be a slow lead up to the start of school. Worst case scenario, the virus goes crazy again and we have to shelter in place again. All would be limited in returning and space would be limited. We may need to pack up personal items and no one has a room. Rooms would just be spaces to use to facilitate gatherings as needed. There will be lots of opportunities this summer for staff.

Alexis shared concerns from middle school concerns about iReady. Math and English are taking longer than 30 minutes.

Karen Minshew asked her site rep to connect with Bethany Schwappach to adjust playlists.

David Miyashiro shared there will be free childcare for school aged children of employees.

Shannon asked about flexibility for students who may move during the summer to continue to use our playlists.

David Miyashiro shared that the CEO of Achieve3000 has created a new program and has asked our district to pilot. We will have access in June. It is in alpha form for testing. She wants to work out the bugs. She advised students who find the most mistakes will get prizes. A great opportunity for a fun challenge.

Julie asked about flexibility about employee's sending their children to district childcare. Can they bring their children to work with them in their classroom?

David Miyashiro shared he does not have an answer right now. He suggested touring the childcare program at Chase to see it in person would change their mind about the program. It is very nurturing and caring .

Kim shared the childcare program is full.

David Miyashiro shared they are going to be expanding the program but wanted to test it out slowly first to get it right. Employee training is extensive.

Sandra shared that her neighbors want more learning from a neighboring district. We should capitalize on getting new enrollment.

David Miyashiro shared we have been very intentional about our branding to do just that.

There is no meeting next week so everyone can participate in the Wellness Week activities/classes.