

PRESCHOOL PARENT TOWN HALL MEETING
CSPP PAC TOWN HALL MEETING: 5/15/2020

Themes & Comments:

Safety

- Some working parents expressed the need to go back to work and willingness to send their children to the district day-care; however, would need more details about the hygiene and social distance procedures followed. One parent stated that both she and her husband work long hours and had to send their children to stay with their grandparents in another city for 6 weeks. She was very sad about having to do that but felt she had no choice.
- Many parents are concerned about safety

Parent Comments:

- At the moment I do not need to send my son to school. I am sure that the people who work need this support, but I can have my son at home
- I can keep doing the Playlist from home
- I do not feel safe that my children return, especially if their health is not guaranteed
- Health is more important than socializing
- My preschool son will not use the mask for a long period of time. He will probably wear it for a few minutes and because I am with him making sure he wears it. I am not sure that he can use it for hours.
- I think we all have different circumstances. The teachers and staff are very lovely and caring, but personally I am afraid to send my children to school, I doubt they will wear a mask for a long period of time or follow the social distance guidelines.
- At this moment, I don't feel safe. For the next school year if things continue to improve, maybe I can let them come back. I prefer that my children lose the school year than they lose their life.
- Zoom seems to be working with older kids. It is not working for my preschooler.
- I don't accept to send my children to school
- It is difficult to send children, as it is a risk to their lives. There are no health measures and the number cannot be controlled.
- I'm really worried about this pandemic. My priority as a parent is for my children's safety and health
- I don't feel safe to send my child back to school if their health is not fully guaranteed.
- I still have a big concern about sending my kids to school - especially the little kids in preschool and kindergarten
- think staying home is better because like everyone else mentioned, it is scary and not safe. I don't want to risk my child going to school and getting sick.

Challenges/Opportunities

- Many parents understand the importance of social skill development in young children and are concerned that continuing distance learning will prevent their children from developing social skills which are essential in Preschool.

Parent Comments:

- When both parents are working, it is helpful to be able to send our children to school
- I do not feel safe, however, I would be willing to take them at least twice a week, in small groups and under high hygiene measures.
- It is hard for parents to find a job or go to school if the kids are staying home, so it is hard to decide whether to send them to school or continue distance learning
- Young children are afraid to wear a mask
- Parents are fearful of sending children to school but also recognize the importance of socializing with other children.
- My children like the zoom because it is an opportunity for them to socialize
- Some feel zoom is not as appropriate for preschool. One parent stated “Zoom seems to be working with older kids. It is not working for my preschooler” Several parents agreed with this.
- Other parents prefer to continue DL. From a parent: I prefer DL
- I would like to see children coming to school once a week. Zoom works for the older kids but my child does not like to zoom. He finds it boring.
- Two of my children don’t mind the mask and will wear for a short time but my two youngest children refuse to wear one.
- DL is good for older children, as they are more self sufficient and can read. My children are kinder and preschool, so can’t read instructions. With two working parents it’s hard to balance work, school, etc. Many parents agreed with this.

Other & Teacher Input

- I appreciate all the teachers have done on our DL
- Thank you to all the teachers for your hard work. We miss you!
- **Teacher:** If DL is to continue, our preschool families will need chrome books. Families are using phones and/or using a work or personal computer, sibling’s chrome book, etc.
- **Teacher:** Thank you for stating the importance of the social emotional aspect and the importance of developing motor skills.
- **Teacher:** In person, the social connection and getting physical exercise/movement is so important
- **Teacher:** Our program is way ahead of the game in terms of health, safety and hygiene. Several years ago we implemented and continue to explicitly teach

stringent handwashing procedures, as well as follow sanitizing/disinfecting procedures for sinks, tables and bathrooms throughout the day. We have posters that demonstrate these procedures and through QPI are rated on how diligent we are in performing them.. Our students even have to wash their hands when they cough, sneeze or use a tissue. Staff are also required to follow these same handwashing procedures.

- **Teacher:** We are already on a staggered schedule (AM and PM). How would that look for preschool?
- **Teacher:** I am so happy to hear the Playlist is working for your child and you believe it is important in these circumstances
- **Teacher:** Thank you parents for taking on the role of preschool teacher. You have all stepped up to the plate and I appreciate all that you are doing for your children. We truly miss them all.