

# *Vista Grande Town Hall Meeting*

## *May 21, 2020*

### *Comments from participants*

- Appreciates the playlists and wants more challenging activities since her daughter is finishing quickly
- IReady, can see what has been completed
- Kahn & Newsela not able to get the information about student completion
- Will distance learning be an option next year?
- Glad to have the Chromebook at home
- Fortunate to have the extra support for the teachers
- Concerned about the amount of screen time and want to have the option of paper packets and less screen time
- In awe of Vista Grande, district and teacher for the fast response and ability to reach out
- Couldn't be happier
- Kids do what they can when they can
- Thank you to the fearless staff members
- Unable to review and give feedback with IReady work
- Friday assignments on the playlist lack rigor
- Teachers are supplementing
- Interested in activities that do not involve screen time
- Appreciates small group work activities
- Concerned about the lapse in motivation
- Thankful to the teachers especially Mrs. Cook
- Kids with parents that work outside of the home have to fend for themselves
- Kids are missing out not being in the classroom
- Sense of lacking with Distance Learning
- Not interested in having students wear masks at school
- Can we increase sanitation practices?
- Emotional time for families
- Difficult to homeschool children
- The playlist is not challenging enough
- Wants clarification on grading
- Wants a hybrid model, for students to go back fulltime and others the option of online learning
- A half-day school schedule would be too hard
- Families need a plan to share with their employers
- Keep siblings at different sites on the same schedule

## *Breakout Room Summary*

- Small group zooms are appreciated
- The playlist is not challenging enough
- Wearing masks should be optional
- Kids need a schedule
- Wants directed learning from the classroom teacher
- less time on electronics
- Wants school to be full-time
- Alternate school day schedule so that there's time to clean
- Half days are hard
- Need stability for working parents
- Wants options for distance learning
- Options needed for the families ready go full-time and families that are concerned about the safety of their children
- A full day of school is wanted and if it's half-day, childcare will be needed
- If kids are in small groups, can the schedule be adjusted so they see other friends creating an option to mix groups up for increased socialization?
- Since it's too hard to create a plan for school in August, create multiple plans recognizing that the situation is constantly changing and creating the opportunity to pivot as needed
- Mental health for students needs to be addressed
- The district needs to provide options so that we don't lose families
- Thankful for the amazing job the school is doing
- Classrooms should be sorted by school plan choice
- Can teachers be required to lecture and provide video instruction since students are so responsive to seeing their teachers?
- Teachers are going above and beyond

### *Comments from follow up emails*

- Thank you for allowing feedback. Will the district form small group site parent committees....? We appreciate you and your staff. Some parents can home school,...some need you all because we are not experts in education.
- It is so great to see the District engaging parents like this. Appreciate it!
- Sick students and staff: I cannot reiterate enough how important it is that measures are taken to enforce the rules we have in place for sick kids. It is the parents' responsibility to provide daycare for a sick child. I like having the idea of a holding room for those kids. I also feel that we could not only benefit from a thermometer but also look into what can be done in regard to testing for the coronavirus.
- While I recognize the great work that Vista Grande admin and Vista Grande teachers have done, the playlists are NOT of high academic rigor. I am not sure if parents are not recognizing this because they do not actively participate in their children's work regularly, or if they are just too overwhelmed with having to be the teachers for now. Many families, especially those of students with high academic standing, have NOT been pleased with the curriculum.
- The meeting was awesome and so sad. I was going to talk but I couldn't pull it together. I was so emotional. It would be so different if we hated our school, Allie misses it like crazy!
- Thank you for including me. I find this so important for our children!!
- I was shocked how many people showed up. It was awesome to hear productive input and ideas. I'm grateful we were invited to be a part of the conversation with the district.
- I appreciate that the school set up this call for parents today. I was happy to be able to give my perspective and thoughts. I am happy to contribute at any time.