

- **NARANCA TOWN HALL MEETING (May 14, 2020)**

- Distant Learning at Naranca: Currently in week 4
- Parent Feedback on Distant Learning:
- Parents feel the district did a great job acting quickly to support the community ie: lunch distribution. The videos put out monthly by Dr. Myashiro is appreciated. The multiple languages are appreciated.
- Communication from the principal has been fantastic, weekly update videos are appreciated and helpful. She is easily accessible via email or phone. Students are enjoying seeing different areas of the school in principal update.
- Office staff has been extremely helpful and kind during Chromebook and registration interactions. Chromebook hospital has been smooth. One parent expressed frustration with the amount of time to get chromebooks returned.
- Teacher communication has been fantastic. The transition to online learning was more challenging for some students. Extra concern expressed with Special Education students. However, everyone agreed teachers have done a wonderful job with continuing to build relationships during zoom and small groups. Teachers have been troubleshooting online learning issues and are willing to do whatever parents need to feel success with their child.
- Mom expressed that the playlist seem to be quickly completed by upper grade child while her primary grade child struggles.
- Concerned about work not being checked or feedback provided.
- Concerns around parents not knowing the language and able to support the learning.
- Worried that child is falling behind.
- Child does not seem challenged.
- Parents are struggling with helping students due to work schedules, don't know the content, etc. They struggled with the technology and zoom.
- A mother suggested to the group if you have a younger student she chunks the time on the playlist into 20 or 30 min increments in order to keep her daughter engaged. Parents commented they wish teachers would offer scheduling support and ideas.
- One parent said she feels more involved in distant learning because she is sitting and working with her child each day.
- Working parents need help. A husband and wife work full time as essential workers and they can not help their student with the playlists.
- Personalization and individualization is needed on the playlist. Several parents agreed.
- Smarty Ants, ST Math and the other online programs are not challenging enough, boring and students want to not do these items on the playlist.
- Appreciate the format of the playlist and how simple they are to navigate.
- Several parents shared that the students do not want to Zoom and it has been difficult to get them to log in let alone participate despite teachers efforts to make them fun and engaging.
- Following up on the playlist after work is hard. After work, dinner, baths etc.. there is no time to check their work.
- Online is not for everyone, but we are not ready to send them back (safety).
- Childcare:
- Many parents expressed the need for 9-3. They already have made their work schedules around these hours.

- Working parents need help!
- One family expressed both parents are home and they do not need care.
- Another family shared mom is a stay at home mom and online learning has been great.
- Essential worker families shared they are in need of child care. They are on the waiting list at Chase and are barely making it by in the meantime.
- One parent suggested a 2 day at school and a 3 day distant learning model for next year.
- Not sure how the district will be able to keep kids healthy if we return to school/ childcare.
- Sanitizing and cleaning? How will this be done consistently?
- Will students need to wear masks? One parent really wanted children and staff wearing masks and another parent refused to send his child to school if he had to wear a mask.
- How will we teach students the rules around social distancing?
- A parent wants to know what precautions will be taken in order to keep her child with asthma extra safe and what about the students with underlying health conditions.
- Will summer school be available and offered to all?
- Will lunches, free internet and playlists be provided over summer?
- Next School Year:
 - Students are missing their friends, school and teachers.
 - Relationships and socializing are concerns of many parents.
 - One parent refuses to send his 3 children to school until there is a vaccine. Another parent refuses to give her child a vaccine.
 - Many felt smaller class sizes are a must for safety and also to make up for lost time.
 - Many are afraid that students are falling behind and standards are not being met at home via the playlists.
 - Wish there was a way for teachers from this school year to close the year and give closure before the start of next school year.
 - Concerns about policies and procedures around sick days. Students are currently sent to school with a cough, cold symptoms etc.. because of the absence policies. Parents are adamant that students do not come to school sick.
 - Check temperatures before students come into school.
 - Many parents really want it to go back to the way it was in March.
 - Other parents want a hybrid version of some school time and some online time.
 - Want the connection to school, missing relationships and can't get those things through a computer.

● Parents input

- I was with the Arabic group and below are parents opinions and thoughts,
- 1- How has distance learning impacted your family?
- Parents input: It's different - Parents are the teachers now - More responsibility. (that's what I was able to get from them because I got disconnected).
- 2- How important is child care to your family?

- Parents input: None of them is depending on child care. All the parents I had in my group are fine with having their kids at home all day long.
- 3- School will look different; but how would you dream it?
- Parents input: Parents are concerned and worried about school returning next year. They don't want to send their kids back to school unless the current situation changes. I got this answer from almost all of them. ((their fears are coming from following guidelines like, wearing masks, gloves and keeping social distancing are very difficult things for kids to apply and maintain))
- On the other hand, I heard a suggestion of one or two days a week but not a full day of school, maybe 2 or 3 hours the most with less number of students in class (6 or 7 students per class the most) and keep distance learning for the rest of the week.
- Another thought, to focus on important subjects (Math & Reading) and keep distance learning from home.