

Public Notice

Who: Sierra Foothill Charter School

What: Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 4:00: PM

@ 4952 School House Road, CV 95306

Board Members Present:

Amber Edwards (Chair)

Denisha Dawson (Vice Chair)

Kathleen Leonard (Secretary)

Chris Ramirez

Board Members Absent: Corinne Dedini

Staff/Consultants: Mindy Bolar and Robin Cook

Members of the public: Attendees were not required to sign in.

Note: All board members participated via Zoom except Mindy and Robin

- I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 by Amber Edwards.
- II. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- III. Reopening Plan
Mindy introduced Dr. Kristina Allen from the county health department who attended the meeting and was helpful in reviewing and approving the plan.

Mindy reviewed the hybrid reopening plan that was sent to all of the families on Friday, 10/9. Families were asked to complete a feedback survey after reviewing the reopening plan. Four families responded to the feedback survey. While reviewing the plan, Mindy addressed the questions and concerns that came through the survey.

1. Why 4 days instead of 2 days a week? The original thought was to reopen 2 days a week to in-person learning as the guidelines had allowed for 10-student cohorts. With the new guidelines, 25-person cohorts are allowed. Because 60% of our families have siblings at SFCS, it is near impossible to accommodate all families with kids in different grades to attend on the same 2-day a week schedule.
2. Why not 5 days a week for in-person learning? Having Fridays as distance learning days will allow time for interventions, tutoring, and allow teachers to plan for in-person and distance learning.

3. Why is the schedule from 9:00-2:00? This allows for some prep time in the morning before school starts and allows time for enrichment, tutoring, and intervention in the afternoons. Staff are required to plan for both in-person and distance learning instruction, which requires more time.
4. What if the schedule is a hardship for families due to work schedules or other circumstances? Families have the option to pick up students at 12:30 and not stay for the enrichment activities if that helps with scheduling. Also, Mindy mentioned that all families should reach out to the office if the schedule is a hardship. The staff will work with families to get a personalized solution and try to accommodate families' needs.

After reviewing the reopening plan and addressing the feedback, Mindy mentioned that teachers and staff are putting themselves at risk to provide in-person learning and asked that everyone please follow the guidelines for everyone's safety. Families will be receiving a survey on whether they will stay distance learning or do in-person learning and whether they are requesting bus service. If responding to the survey electronically is difficult, call the office and they will help you complete the survey. Surveys will need to be completed by this Friday, 10/16. If a family wants to make a change from distance learning to in-person after it starts, they need to call the office and allow the office time to accommodate the changes. If a family wants to move from hybrid to distance learning, they can at any time. Everyone was reminded that they have done their best to plan for all the scenarios and issues that may come, but there may be unforeseeable issues and we will all need to be a bit flexible.

Mindy thanked SFCS parents Michelle and Doug Lopes for their very generous donation of outdoor hand sanitizing stations with sanitizing supplies for outside every classroom and the entrance to the campus.

Chris Ramirez motioned to approve the Reopening Plan. Danisha Dawson seconded the motion. All approved.

Ayes = 4

Noes = 0

Absent = 1

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye
Denisha Dawson = Aye
Corinne Dedini = Absent
Kathleen Leonard = Aye
Chris Ramirez = Aye

IV. Next Meeting Date

a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

V. Adjourn

Chris Ramirez motioned to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Kathleen Leonard seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Ayes = 4

Noes= 0

Absent = 1

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Absent

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye