
FAC Report

March 2021

FAC Meeting March 9: Discussion Return to In-Person Instruction

Week leading up to meeting:

- Vaccinations for teachers became Available
- Alameda County became “Red Tier”
- Bill passed for Federal Support
- Small Group In-Person Instruction going Well

Parents Share Perspectives

- Opportunity for parents with different experiences to express concerns and hopes
- Heard from a majority of parents looking for urgency about a return to in-person but also parents planning to remain distanced for safety
- Parents experienced students suffering significant social and physical losses but also some students are excelling with seesaw and zoom
- Parents expressed desire for more clear communication.

Overall

Parent shares resulted in next step priorities:

- time for another community survey (admin was already in process and has now occurred. Staff survey was also already underway.)
- Proposal for staff PD dedicated to covid precautions for in person instruction (COVID related PD has been ongoing and will continue. New resources shared with staff as available.)
- more transparency of school's processes from parents' perspectives

FAC begins Anti-Racism Work

- First Parent offering with Dr. Rachelle Rodgers-Ard took place March 20: Defining Race Workshop
- Content: establishing shared definitions, setting context, and call to actively participate in the work of anti-racism.
- About 20 participants. Conversation very engaged with high participation. Follow-up resources will available to those unable to attend.
- work continues with the White Fragility book club meeting April 29th, 5:30-7:00pm (the first of 6 planned discussions on the book; there are also plans to read How to Be an Anti-Racist either in tandem or after WF)

Continued Discussions About Increasing Outreach

- we need to step out of comfort zones to recruit equitably
- we need plans for both in-person parent socialization as well as distanced parent socialization: lean into classroom coordinators
- we need to make meetings accessible for families who tend not to have access: child care option? Meeting locations? Meeting times?
- video introductions to Montessori terminology and practices could level playing field so parents would feel more comfortable engaging in the conversation in support of students

Fundraising

-Covid Relief Happy Hour: March 31st

-Plant Sale: April 17th

-Walk-a-thon: May 1st-15th