

**Agenda**  
**East Chapel Hill High PTSA Meeting**  
**February 9, 2021**

Online:

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**6:00pm Meeting call to Order**

**I. Welcome and Meeting Norms (5 mins)**

Mute your mikes unless you are speaking. Elizabeth will monitor the chat session for any questions.

**II. Principal Report and Q&A (30 mins)**

- Board voted to allow re-entry under Hybrid Plan B; freshman, week of 4/9; grades 10-12 the week after
- 900 students out of 1500 opted to stay remote; 600 opted to come back in hybrid mode. Students will have the opportunity to revisit their choice.
- 600 divided into 2 cohorts: A - Mon/Tues in person, B - Th/Fri in person. So 1200 students learning remotely on any given day and 300 in the building.
- Teachers can put in for tele-work if they or someone in their family have underlying health concerns. HR will handle this
- Students will have to maintain social distancing. Plans for lunch not yet decided. Instruction will look like it does now because  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's of students will be remote on any given day. Goal is to have educational opportunities be equal whether at home or hybrid.
- Principals meeting to collaborate on details of implementing return to school plan.
- In the future, there will be a community presentation with how things will look when students return.

***Principal Prioux opened up for parent questions:***

Will siblings be in same cohort? Yes, in fact, siblings at same physical address will be in same cohort.

Will there be freshman orientation? Yes. Mr. Prioux hopes to have orientation for all the students; series of small group orientations

How will student schedules change? First period won't start until 10:30 instead of 9. Same teachers but class will be at different time of day. School day will still end at 4, but

you won't have an hour between classes. Classes will still be 45 minutes long. Same number of classes. 9-10:30 is asynchronous time for students at home.

Do you have to offer proof if you want to change your choice between hybrid and remote? Mr. Proux does not think so. No one can be forced to come back. Governor says schools have to offer remote option.

Do not have details regarding how many teachers will return to in-person classes. Human resources is handling interaction with teachers and their possible return. Won't have info about which teachers are returning to in-person classes before have to choose hybrid or remote. Vaccination schedule for teachers has not been moved up.

Will district provide enough PPE? He thinks so. There has been a lot of preparation. District is purchasing air circulation systems for every classroom.

**To help with the return to school, Carrboro is encouraging parents to sign up to be substitutes. Mr. Proux said that would be helpful. You can pick when you work as a sub! Would also be helpful for parents to sign up to be on the volunteer list. Volunteers need to have background checks. Parent volunteers may be able to help with student check-in, social distancing at lunch, etc. Mr. Proux noted that in schools that have gone back, students are overwhelmingly following the rules.**

How will changed schedule impact kids that go to other educational opportunities - e.g., Hill center, UNC. Need to coordinate with these places - not done yet.

How will it work for students that are in the classroom, but teachers are working from home? Technology in classrooms being upgraded to help the teachers be able to teach to kids at home and also in the classroom simultaneously. If teacher is at home, will need to find an adult to be in the classroom with the kids that are in-person. Students will login to their computers same as now if their teacher is teaching from home.

Question from Elizabeth about how we're going to celebrate our students.

- Was planning drive-thru celebration for seniors with gifts for the first part of March, but pausing for now to see if we can do something more than a drive-thru. Maybe have small groups of seniors come in at a time to pick up their gifts and socialize with teachers. PTSA may be able to help with this.

Mr. Proux's goal is to create orientation videos of what school will look like. Maybe PTSA can host video watch sessions with Q&A session after.

What does SEL mean? Social and Emotional Learning - looking at the well-being of the child. SIT has prioritized SEL as a key goal of this school year. 3 hour retreat tomorrow to review various surveys to determine next steps for SEL. Will have a presentation on this at next meeting so will have results from survey.

- **Request that parents err on the side of caution if child isn't feeling well and/or exhibits any covid symptoms. Please stay home. There will be an isolation room at school for kids that exhibit any symptoms.**

What will graduation look like this year? Not sure yet. Last year's was a special event and the school will make this year's special, too. Senior/graduation committee being formed in the next week or 2.

What will AP classes look like after they take the exams? Waiting on more info from AP regarding exams, etc. How classes will be handled after exams is TBD.

If classes start at 10:30, how will you make sure kids get there early enough for check-in, etc? Will take this back to the planning team. But, for instance, planning to have multiple points of entry.

160 juniors signed up for ACT in person in a couple of weeks. For those who don't want to take it now, there will be an opportunity to take it again in the fall.

Dept chairs available for questions next Wednesday night. Will be powerpoints coming out about registration for parents to watch before the Q&A.

Push for teachers to be vaccinated - go to NCAE site.

### **III. Teacher Report (10 mins)**

Mr. Link not available.

### **IV. Treasurer Report and VOTE (5 mins)**

1. We have exceeded our funding budget (revised down slightly from last year due to anticipated COVID impacts) by almost \$2,000 to be at an income of \$27,000. That will continue to climb a bit with HT and Amazon Smile contributions
2. We continue to underspend the Teacher Assistant fund. While we ask it be used for the right purposes, it is available for use for remote and in classroom teaching resource needs. Individual budget is at \$120
3. If you do receive a reimbursement check, please do cash it within 4 weeks. It adds to the overhead of having to monitor checks if they aren't cashed in a reasonable period of time.
4. Changes to budget this year have been:
  1. Largely hold our \$5,000 budget in reserve for COVID possible needs. \$3,300 remaining.
  2. Focus on Teacher Appreciation as a gift card strategy is more expensive than usual activities. We may need to increase further

3. Increase for family services for food relief as directed by the school social workers
5. PE partner dance experience budget is \$1,250. PE department has agreed to re-allocate to support the PE department or athletics - Need to vote to approve. ***Sue Sept made motion to approve. Linda Gilchrist seconded. Motion carried.***

#### **V. President Report (5 mins)**

Need officers for next year, particularly a President. Linda Gilchrist will be Treasurer next year.

#### **VI. Hospitality Report (5 minutes)**

Planning early Valentine's day lunch for teachers and staff currently in the building. Adapted Curriculum students are currently having class on-site.

#### **7:07 p.m. ADJOURN**

\*\*\* Informal chat after the meeting if anyone is interested. It would be great to share ideas