



AVECHS

Coffee with the Principal

January 28, 2021

Meeting called by: Principal De La Garza

Location: Online Google Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 10 AM

Minutes

Meeting End Time: 10:30 AM

Recorded by: Melanie Beegle



Attendees: AVECHS: Principal Liliana De La Garza, Librarian Lluvia Durkes & Secretary Melanie Beegle
GISD: POA Marisela Quezada & Board Member Claudia Rodriguez
Parents: Armando Cano, Madisela Dominguez, Andrew Macias, Armando Morales,

Daily Attendance Report for coffee-with-the-principal: 2021-01-28

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Class Name: coffee-with-the-principal Meet ID: vtx-suvx-knh Date: 2021-01-28 Earliest Arrivals: 10:00 Start: 10:00 End: 10:32 Duration: 32 min

9 Names (0 Absent) ☆	9:55	10:00	10:05	10:10	10:15	10:20	10:25	10:30	10:32
✓ Melanie Beegle									
? Armando Cano									
? Madisela Dominguez									
? Lluvia Durkes									
? Liliana De La Garza									
? Andrew Macias									
? Armando Morales									
? Marisela Quezada									
? Claudia Rodriguez									

Previous Action Items

ACTION ITEMS	PERSONS(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
✓ Student and parent notification of all upcoming scholarships	Principal De La Garza	Ongoing

Minutes

Agenda item: CANVAS Platform Transition

Presenter: Principal De La Garza

Discussion:

Alta Vista ECHS is piloting the transition from Google Classroom to CANVAS. CANVAS is utilized at DACC and Universities; this transition will prepare students to become familiar and comfortable with the platform prior to entering College full time. All AVECHS freshman are already utilizing CANVAS.

Agenda item: Library CANVAS class tutorial

Presenter: Librarian Durkes

Discussion:

VIRTUAL LIBRARY CANVAS PRESENTATION:

Students will login to their CANVAS dashboard, which displays tiles for their different classes.

Library CANVAS is user friendly; landing page has easily accessible buttons for various links & information.

- Campus announcements are posted on the Library CANVAS.
- CANVAS will eventually be linked with PowerSchool so that parents will only need to check CANVAS for assignments, due dates, information and grades and students can submit Google docs, videos, etc.

- Parents will not be issued CANVAS login credentials; they can access it through their students login credentials. Students with a DACC CANVAS account will have to log out of DACC to login to AVECHS CANVAS.

Agenda item: Q & A Session**Presenter: Principal De La Garza****Discussion:**

Q: "With the recent announcement that NM schools can re-open. Do you have any information on that?"

A: Principal De La Garza: AVECHS is working closely with Superintendent Dempsey and looking at plans set out by NMPED, NM Toolkit & Secondary Toolkit. AVECHS is currently working on a safe plan for students and teachers to come back; there is not a set date but we will be ready when that date is in place. AVECHS has received student and teacher desk shields, hand sanitizer stations, masks, thermometers and might receive additional PPE as needed.

Q: "With 6' apart how many students can fit within a portable classroom?"

A: Principal De La Garza will be meeting with the head custodian after this Coffee with the Principal meeting. They will measure and place desks 6' apart and will be able to calculate how many students can fit within a classroom. Administration will be marking the sidewalks with different colored tape to signify the direction of student/staff travel. Principal De La Garza will take pictures to present to parents at a later time.

Parents do have the option to either keep students at home online or send them to school in a hybrid program (in classroom instruction as well as online). Parents will have a 10 day notification of when the hybrid program will begin.

Parents are encouraged to send students on the hybrid program with proper PPE (masks, hand sanitizer) in addition to what the school provides. This will help keep everyone safe.

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

GPA

- Freshman can register and apply to NMSU DACC as long as they have a 2.0 or higher.
- Freshman need to finish very strong with a 3.25 to be eligible to take English 111. Principal De La Garza will virtually visit with the freshman during Coach Adame's class to discuss the importance of their GPA.
- All students need a high GPA to qualify for scholarships.

Monitoring

- Administration continues to monitor all students' grades, attendance and well-being. Beginning in Semester 1, teachers and administration have "owl"dopted a student that they check in and provide additional support.
- AVECHS implemented a Social Emotional Learning curriculum in Semester 1; these lessons will continue into Semester 2 on Feb. 5th during Advisory classes. Lessons teach student to reflect, where they are, to advocate for themselves & how to be independent.

COVID Vaccine

A parent encouraged everyone to sign up for the GISD COVID vaccine PODS; get the message out to family members to register so that they can get the vaccines. There will be a clinic tomorrow at CHS, another one at STHS and Gadsden HS.

Principal De La Garza provided the NM Dept. of Health link for parents to register. Parents are encouraged to be patient; once registered they may not be contacted immediately.

GISD Board Meeting

Board Member Rodriguez encouraged parents to attend the GISD Board Meetings. They are critical for parents to be informed of what is happening within the District. Parents can either speak in the open forum, if registered on the agenda, or meet virtually with Superintendent Dempsey during a Community Meeting directly after the Board Meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

TBD