



AVECHS

Coffee with the Principal

April 15, 2021

Meeting called by: Principal De La Garza

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 AM
Meeting End Time: 10:45 AM



Location: Online Google Meeting

Minutes Recorded by: Isaac J. Grijalva

Attendees: AVECHS: Principal Liliana De La Garza, Secretary Isaac J. Grijalva
GISD: School Board Secretary Jennifer Viramontes, School Board Member Claudia Rodriguez
Parents: Dora Macias, Madisela Dominguez, Rosa Gomez-Cano

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: GISD Back to School Safety Re Entry Plan - April 5 **Presenter:** Principal De La Garza

Discussion:

- Full reentry began on April 5th
 - Changes from online to in-person may not be possible after Friday April 30th due to student testing and end of year requirements
- Estimated 4,700 students chose in-person learning
- All but 6 GISD employees have returned to their assigned campus
- Every student in GISD will receive a COVID safe backpack containing 2 water bottles, 2 hand sanitizers, 2 masks, and a thermometer
- Wednesday's will continue to be virtual.
 - Students are assigned work that needs to be completed within 30 minutes of the start of the instructional period. This is done to ensure students stay in their daily routines, and for attendance purposes.
 - Teachers are providing one-to-one assistance for those students in need
 - Classrooms will be deep-cleaned and sanitized
- Students of AVECHS now have their own dedicated bus routes that will bring them directly to campus from their designated bus stop & from the campus to their stop.
 - In the event of a COVID-19 exposure, bus transportation will be suspended for up to 10 days
- Buses will no longer distribute food. Remote learners/parents must visit the campus from 10:30-11:30 AM Monday-Friday if meals are needed/desired.
 - Parents must fill out a pick-up form and place it on their dashboard. To obtain a form, please contact cafeteria staff.
 - In-person learners may bring their own lunch to school, so long as it does not require refrigeration/heating. Lunches may not be shared between students.
- COVID Safe Practices
 - Parents are asked to take their child's temperature prior to sending them to campus
 - For temperatures higher than 99.9°F, student should remain home and school nurse should be contacted
 - Masks are required except when actively eating
 - Social distancing will be enforced to the greatest extent possible
 - Students are screened when they arrive on campus, and employees must screen themselves prior to reporting to work

- If a staff member has a fever of 99.9°F or higher, they must stay home and contact their immediate supervisor
 - Each portable that has/might have students has a HEPA Air Purifier
 - Desk shields are available for students and staff
 - Hand sanitizer is provided in each classroom, and in multiple stations outside
- 1,039 GISD Staff Members have been vaccinated. Names cannot be released due to HIPAA Laws, and vaccination cannot be a condition of employment due to the emergency status of the vaccine.
- Bandanas, neck gaiters, or vented masks are not allowed as substitutes for traditional masks, as per the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH)
 - Each classroom was supplied with additional masks in the event of an accidental rip/tear
 - Mask breaks are only given during lunch
- No after school programs will be held
- SAT tests are only able to be conducted in person
- We will continue with District Formative Assessments and EOC's at the end of the year
- A summer Jumpstart program will be offered to incoming 9th-grade students. More information will be provided in the coming weeks
- The Coffee with the Principal schedule is posted [here](#) on our school website

Agenda item: Student Attendance

Presenter: Principal De La Garza

Discussion:

- See previous section

Agenda item: Bus Transportation - new schedule

Presenter: Principal De La Garza & slide show

Discussion:

- See "GISD Back to School Safety Re Entry Plan – April 5"

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

- Will DACC Students be back on campus for the upcoming school year?
 - Based on the information that we have at this time, DACC will continue virtual learning next year.
- How many 12th-graders do you have? And do you know how many incoming freshman will be joining the school next year?
 - We currently have 41 members of the Class of 2021, and 70 incoming 9th-graders. Per DACC Regulations, we are unable to have more than 22 students in each classroom, so this inhibits the size of class we can have.
- You have two pathways for students to obtain their Associates degree correct?
 - Yes, AVECHS offers an Associate of Science and an Associate of Arts pathway.
- Will internships be offered to students in the future?
 - We have partnered with local businesses in the past to obtain this opportunity for our students. 2 years ago we were able to offer a Computer Science internship, and last year we were able to offer one with the Hospitals of Providence. We are always on the lookout for additional internship opportunities, and will communicate them when they do arise. We will also contact DACC to receive their assistance in this matter. In the meantime, we focus on community service, such as supporting the local youth attending Berino Elementary.
- Have you ever reached out to workforce (New Mexico Workforce Connection) to see how they might help with internship opportunities?
 - No, we have not. This is a great idea and will be acted upon in the very near future. Our ability to obtain internships has also been greatly inhibited by the current pandemic. We are, of course, interested in our students obtaining experience in their preferred field, but their health & wellbeing is paramount to us.
- Do students receive college credit for participating in internships?
 - No, they do not. But they do receive experience that can be listed on their resume when it's time for them to enter the workforce & for scholarship opportunities.
- If my student is currently working on a jobsite obtaining work experience, what's the best way to highlight that?
 - We recommend that if it's work that can be photographed (such as welding), take pictures of the before, during, and after the task/project/assignment is completed. We also have a Community Service sheet on our website that can be filled out by the student and signed by the employer.

Next Scheduled Meeting

April 27th, 2021 @ 10 AM & 5:30 PM