



Newton Elementary

SOT Minutes
Ulis Newton Elementary School
School Organizational Team
August 10, 2020
3:30 PM

Attendance:

Members: Christen Campbell, Heather Furber, Julia Magdaleno, Kristin Lamoreaux, Cindy Benavidez, Cyndi Eagleson, Kris Carlisle, Jenny Nunn, Jorie DiCamillo

Attending: Shelby Jones

Missing: Jennifer Harris

Call to order at 3:32 (via Google Meet)

Motion to approve minutes of previous meeting: Cindy B.Christen 2nd. Approved by vote.

Reopening and Distance Learning Plan:

Report from Mr Jones: Chromebooks will be provided before school begins (we have 1-to-1 devices), schedule sent via ParentLink and begins tomorrow, more times will be offered over the next week and that info will be sent via ParentLink, please call the school w questions

Report from School Counselor (Mrs Bitar) - Social emotional support, will do lessons during specials time, will meet with students, she will be creating a webpage this year, FACES at CCSD has the most up to date city services list and resources for parents. Reach out to her via email if you need anything.

@ulisnewtonelementaryschool (2020) on Facebook

@chartourcourse on Twitter

Report from Mrs. DiCamillo:

School hours will stay the same this year (instruction starts at 9:10 and ends at 3:21)

Lunch 11:50-12:20 for all grade levels

Weekly schedules will be provided to show times that the teacher is teaching live and a link to find that lesson (the link won't change) and a list of what work is due each week. You'll be receiving packets every 2 weeks of materials that align with what is being taught. These materials will be referenced during live lessons.

Instructional aides will pull small group

Excited about partnership with parents and will work closely with

Creating some fun competitions and students can earn some incentives (watch someone get a pie in the face, for example) We want school to be fun to help students learn and grow

Our school theme this year is Leading with Love - from admin and teachers alike. We want to nurture our students and help them know they can be successful

Performance tasks and project based learning

Will likely be using Google Classroom and Canvas. Will be fun and engaging for students.

Teachers are currently going over professional learning right now to prepare for the year.

Reviewed the school's master schedule. Teachers will have virtual office hours in the morning (8:45-9:10) at the same link as students use to attend classes. Explained the structure of how a day would look. It's very similar to schedules from the past.

Lessons will be taped and shared with parents to use the following day. There is some flexibility for how our schedule will work for our family.

Schedule is coming out tomorrow:

Open House on Aug 20 (5:30-7:30)

Meet & Greet on Aug 21 (times vary during the day)

First set of instructional materials will be handed out on Aug 19 (anytime) by teachers

Please be patient with us. Please send some love our way too!

Teachers are starting to reach out to parents. They're working very hard and rising to the occasion. We're growing as a team and supporting one another.

We know this is not the ideal situation for everyone but we are making the most of it.

Questions from parents:

What school supplies would be suggested this school year? All on the list that was mailed to parents?? "the individual teachers will be in touch with a revised material list. The needs will vary with virtual vs at school supplies." Please let us know if you need supplies.

Can you give us a little more detail about how much parent support is anticipated during teacher instruction and during independent time?

"That's a tough one! A lot of it depends on the student's needs. Some are self directed and others need more supervision. A lot of the curriculum is available to be viewed at different times during the day...this will help families"

How will GATE fit into the schedule? Ms G will be meeting with her 3-5 students each day. She may pull in high flyers from 2nd and 1st grade. And how/when will GATE testing occur? Hasn't been cleared yet by the District. but will be by appointment and with appropriate social distancing guidelines. (for SE and ELL testing also)

How will we turn in the homework packets? Will teachers grade the packets and give feedback? May we email the worksheets to the teacher? Daily? Weekly?

"Malwane, both methods. We will have times to turn in paper packets and several ways to submit work will be designated by the individual teachers" You can turn in the packet from the past 2 weeks. We will be assessing students online and using online programs to determine ability. You can send in info using email or pictures but easiest to return the packet when you pick up a new one.

Is there a list with all of this info on it?

"Yes, class links and detailed info will be provided by teacher and school"

Will there be standardized testing this year?

We will have MAP tests District-wide to determine what skills students need. Will be done from home. We want students to complete those independently to determine areas of weaknesses. State tests for 3-5 are usually done in April & May. Whenever we come back together we will know what the State has planned. Once we know, we'll share it out.

Do we have an update on yearbooks?

We're waiting on the company. There will be extra ones for purchase.

What will happen in 5th grade? We're going to have stand alone teachers to make communication easier for families. One partner group in

How kids with IEP will meet their needs?! Is there gonna be any arrangement for them?
Schedule was built around IEP students' needs. They will be pulled with teachers and with aides.

Shout-out to Mrs Sanchez who brought supplies to her Kindergarten student!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 22 at 3:30 to discuss the budget (this will be the last meeting for this team and the election will be shortly after)

Meeting Adjourn at 4:23 PM

Call ended at 4:30 PM