

Governing Board Meeting Summary August 11, 2021

August 16, 2021

At the August 11, 2021 board meeting, Board Members were presented with enrollment information, and curriculum and construction updates. Information and discussion items included COVID-19 Mitigation and Student Learning Updates.

Celebration of TVHS Summer Graduates

Dr. Amy Cislak, TVHS Principal presented summer graduates with their diplomas.

Congratulations to all Class of 2021 TVHS Graduates ~ You are to be commended for your perseverance and determination to achieve the fulfillment of your high school graduation requirements, especially with the challenges of the current pandemic.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Scott Hagerman presented his Superintendent Report for August 11, 2021.

Enrollment Information

Our enrollment numbers are up from this time last year.

IT & Curriculum Update

Gap funding should be released in the next two weeks. This will allow our ELA adoption which is overdue. Other areas of curriculum are also being prioritized. IT is working on a complete update of the network, followed by WiFi updates. 1200 chromebooks are needed, and a request has been submitted for 725 chromebooks from ERate. The remainder will be purchased out of funds being provided by the Governor's office to school districts that did not receive high levels of ESSER funds.

Construction Update

\$18.5 million of SFB funding has been allocated to TVUSD. The projects funded include some projects already completed, for example the ACES HVAC project

which is carried over from last year. \$1.4 million projects at TVHS and ACES are still waiting for final approval. Projects in the design phase at TVES include roofs, weatherization and drainage improvements.

Mitigation Update

Mask and Vaccination Language in State Budget:

"Face Coverings & COVID-19 Vaccination 35. Prohibits, retroactive to July 1, 2021: a) a county, city, town, school district governing board (governing board) or charter school governing body (governing body) from requiring students or staff to use face coverings during school hours and on school property; and b) a school district or charter school from requiring a student or teacher to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or to wear a face covering for in-person instruction."

- 2. <u>PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SANITARY MEASURE 2021-01</u> July 30, 2021
- (1). All schools within the jurisdiction of Pima County must report all positive cases of COVID-19 to the Pima County Health Department.
- (2). Once identified, all known or suspected cases must be sent home as soon as possible. PCHD Order con't.
- (3). Within 24 hours of confirmation of a case by the Pima County Health Department, schools must provide the names and contact information for individuals who were within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of the confirmed case during a 24-hour period ("close contacts").
- (4). Individuals who are confirmed cases must isolate for ten days; release from isolation occurs after ten days as long as the individual is asymptomatic. PCHD Order con't.
- (5). Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts must remain at home and be excluded from school and extracurricular activities. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts who remain asymptomatic may return on or after day seven (7) upon providing documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test collected on or after day five (5) of the quarantine.
- (6). Close contacts who can provide documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series may return to school immediately if asymptomatic.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors failed to pass a Pima County Mask Mandate in Schools at their August 10 board meeting.

- 3. Current Case Counts being Reported by School Districts in Pima County
 - Active Cases in Schools Definition:
- -Person was in a school with symptoms or within 48 hours of symptoms.
- -Person is currently not at school due to the illness.
- -The case was reported to the school.
 - Quarantine decisions will be made by the Pima County Health Dept.
 - Students/Classes who are quarantined will be expected to immediately move to remote learning to avoid further learning gaps.

TVUSD COVID-19 Dashboard:

https://www.tangueverdeschools.org/COVID-19Information.aspx

- 4. Updates on other Districts and Litigation (see presentation)
 - If the district decided to take legal action against the state law (regarding masks) it would need to be funded out of the district budget, so it would affect what the district could provide to students. The prepaid legal representation we have is provided by the Trust to manage risk and liability.
 - The withholding of federal funding is one suggested penalty for school districts not complying with the state laws regarding masks and vaccination mandates. Other suggested penalties include allowing ESAs for all students in districts not complying, sending notice to families of their options for school choice through open enrollment, and the initiation of legal action against non-compliant districts.

All of these potential penalties are financially untenable for our district.

- 5. Review of TVUSD Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan
- a. The priority is full-time in-person learning.
- b. Masks are <u>strongly recommended</u> regardless of vaccination level.
- c. Social Distance to the extent possible.
- d. Other measures.

View the full presentation here.

Stay Home When Sick!

The number one thing we can do to keep schools open is make sure children stay home if they are sick. <u>All</u> attendance policies have been put on hold for the 21-22 school year.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Symptoms of COVID-19 CDC

Launch the CDC Symptom Self Checker Here:



Student Learning Update

School leaders presented information about the start of the school year and student learning.

Elementary

Presentation - Ensuring High Levels of Learning for K-6

Presenters: Emma Batty, Principal, Tanque Verde Elementary School Chris Rietz, Principal, Agua Caliente Elementary School

"Intention and Commitments - We must all fully participate in work that will support every student learning at high levels. We will avoid wasting time on variables we can not control or have little effect on student learning. This means all educators being informed educators, supporting and responding to student learning as collaborative teams." *Please see presentation link above for more detailed information.*

Secondary

Presentation - TVUSD 7-12 Commitment to High Levels of Learning

Presenters - Joel Bacalia, Assistant Principal, Tanque Verde High School - Elizabeth Egan, Assistant Principal, Emily Gray Jr. High School

"Students have experienced delayed learning during the pandemic which requires us to focus on essentials. Last year gave us a taste of what that looks like as we paired down our content to the most important parts. This year we are adding tools and accountability to ensure teachers know students are learning at high levels and that teachers are equipped to support them when they aren't." *Please see presentation link above for more detailed information.*

Important Dates & Information

- TVES Open House August 16, 2021
- EGJH Open House August 19, 2021
- ACES Open House August 23, 2021
- Regular Governing Board Meeting August 25, 2021
- Labor Day Holiday September 6, 2021 NO SCHOOL

See more school event dates and information here: August District Events Calendar

The 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR may be found here: TVUSD School Year Calendar 2021-22 K-12th.

Next Governing Board Meeting Dates:

The next **Regular Governing Board Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday**, **August 25th**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tanque Verde Elementary School Library. Seating is limited. The meeting will be livestreamed.

- Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- TVUSD Board Meeting Livestream Link

You May Qualify!
Free & Reduced Meals
and Other Benefits
Information

Dear TVUSD Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. TVUSD will be offering healthy meals to







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<u>all</u> students at no cost every school day in School Year 2021-2022. Your child(ren) will receive free breakfast and lunch meals every school day regardless of your

household income.

You may qualify for additional reduced fees and other resources!

Families are still encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits because this information may be used for other programs, including:

- Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT),
- Federal and State funding for your school,
- Reduced registration fees for academic tests,
- Discounted rates for internet service, and
- Other community resources

For more detailed information on eligibility, please visit our website at: TVUSD Food Services

Please help us qualify for more Federal and State funding for students! Our school is participating in programs that your child may benefit from if your child qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. The Free & Reduced Meals Application is the key to unlocking those benefits.

THE APPLICATION MAY NOW BE COMPLETED ONLINE!!
CLICK ON THE MY SCHOOL APPS BUTTON BELOW!



Staff & Community Acknowledgments - August 11, 2021

Superintendent Hagerman acknowledged the recent extraordinary efforts of the IT Department, Director Tony Blackwell, and Specialists Yefim Feldman and Jacob Yarbrough.



Student, Staff, and Community Acknowledgements *Thank you!*

August 11, 2021

Thank you to the following TVUSD Staff Members for their contributions ~

IT Department - For their Herculean efforts to complete a 'mountain' of urgent back to school tasks, including:

- Fixing the internet connection on multiple campuses,
- Moving the entire network system and many devices due to construction,
- Replacing the entire phone system over a weekend,
- Meeting technology needs required for TVHS schedule pickup,
- Licensing dozens of Chromebooks for student use,
- Setting up new teacher laptops,
- Setting up new student accounts~
- ~All this and more, with a positive attitude!!

Thank you for making all the technology 'magic' happen!!!



Thank you to the following TVUSD Staff Members for their contributions ~

Mike Karle - Going above and beyond to cut up downed trees at TVES, EGJH and ACES due to recent storm damage.

The Staff Recognition Committee - Their efforts to make meaningful End-of-Year and Welcome Back events happen for teachers and staff members district-wide!

- Tiffany Hodge
- Claire Place
- Keith Wick
- Irma Woodward
- Kelly Yslas



Thank you to the following Community Members for their contributions ~

Jim Drexler - Jim regularly helps our school from behind the scenes. He checks in with us, and follows our events online, then comes on evenings and weekends to change our marquee. He has done this for years, and we SO appreciate his dedication and support!

Bruegger's Bagels @ T.V./Sabino Canyon, Edward Tatum, GM - For their support of the Welcome Back Bagel Breakfasts for teachers and staff!

Thank you!



To our families, students, teachers & staff members~ We are excited to welcome you back! It's going to be a positive, kind and fun year of learning!



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