

**PARENT COUNCIL  
MINUTES # 06  
February 18, 2021**

Due to the Pandemic Covid-19 the Parent Council meeting was held virtually on Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Habegger, Director of the school, called the PC meeting to order for the month of February with the following **Agenda**:

1. Communications: Change of Group B testing location and unclear directions
2. Date for Restart of Sports and Activities
3. School Calendar and Plans for Learning Mode after Easter Break
4. Availability of GPS Bus Tracking for Parents
5. Classroom Sound for Virtual Students and New Microphone Installation
6. Delays for Pick-up of PS/ES Students

The following PC members attended the virtual PC meeting: Layla Katime (K4), Michelle Beda (K5), Uchi Cubillos (1st grade), Liliana Garavito (2nd grade), Andrea Escruceria (4<sup>th</sup> grade), Catalina Pelaez (6th grade), Helena de Brigard (7th grade), Maria Fernanda Correa (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Maria Cecilia Escallón (9th grade), Alexandra Crump (10th grade), Evelyn Aghion (11th grade), Margarita Rivera (12th grade).

**1. Communications: Change of Group B testing location and unclear directions**

Dr. Habegger said he appreciates the feedback from Catalina Pelaez and Michelle Beda on this matter. PC members mentioned that other than the title ;ome and the first few sentences at the beginning of the paragraph, many people do not read all of the other text. Changes in the testing location came almost at the end. The idea is to get the most important information in the title and the first couple of sentences. Dr. Habegger will provide feedback to these communications to avoid it happening in the future.

**2. Date for Restart of Sports and Activities**

Dr. Habegger said to the PC members that the restart of sports and activities is currently in process. Students from **K5 to 12** will begin in Module 5, ten days from now. Activities will take place on Saturdays. The school will not mix clusters, group A one week and group B the next. Condor Activities will also begin but will not be offered 100%. The school will field test and then monitor and adjust for a gradual and progressive rollout.

### **3. School Calendar and Plans for Learning Mode after Easter Break**

Dr. Habegger mentioned to the PC that the school would like to continue doing random testing for re-starts after the holidays. The school is also trying to see if the fast saliva swab test can be imported, which has a lower cost and can still identify outbreaks. We are pioneers to the saliva test and our goal is to be pioneers in the fast saliva swab test.

Results are back between 15 and 20 minutes and would be conducted by Clinica Santa Fe. A specialist is not needed, a school nurse can do it. We are on the cutting edge for schools in Latin America. Some current research shows around 18 to 24 months that schools will be dealing with the pandemic, regardless of the region.

Dr. Habegger said the school is looking at all the data for after Easter Break and it is premature to make a decision now. The Board of Directors meeting was moved up to March 2nd to look at reopening options after the Easter Break, and the goal is to inform the community of the plans right soon after the meeting.

### **4. Availability of GPS Bus Tracking for Parents**

GPS bus tracking will be available for Module 5 and will have information for parents in a few weeks.

### **5. Classroom Sound for Virtual Students and New Microphone Installation**

Dr. Habegger reported that feedback on the surveys mentioned that sound for virtual learning was very challenging, especially for the primary and elementary students. Six different microphones with wireless connectivity were field tested, and CNG purchased two sets, one for PS and ES with a higher capacity, and one MS and HS. About 95% of the microphones have been received and half have been installed, teachers are being trained and improved sound should be in place by the middle of next week.

The PC members asked if teachers can have plexiglass installed on their desk when they sit down to do the virtual, students can still see their lips. This is very important for language acquisition especially in the early ages. Dr. Habegger said the plexiglass does not address the dispersion of droplets. The school is already looking at the possibility of importing clear masks so students can read lips.

The PC members mentioned many families want to opt in and could not make it to Module 4. The deadline is February 22. Dr. Habegger said parents are going to receive an email that is going to allow them to opt in for Module 5. This will happen every time a new module is about to begin.

The PC members asked about options for students to refill their water bottles because the instruction is not to refill with the water fountains. Dr. Habegger said that each building has the fountains that also have the container fill-ups, the mouth bubblers have been disabled but the container fill-ups have been enabled so students can fill up their water bottles with filtered water. Dr. Habegger said the Admin Team will send a reminder on Sunday's CCN to inform parents and teachers about this option.

The PC members asked if once opted in for a module for transportation and/or cafeteria can they opt out for the next module? Dr. Habegger said he will check on this and let the PC members know. (Follow-up: parents can opt-in/out of transportation and/or cafeteria before each billing cycle).

## **6. Delays for Pick-up of PS/ES Students**

Dr. Habegger said to the PC members that the first day of school the delay for pick-up is about 30 minutes and then it goes down to around 18 minutes, until everyone gets into the routine. This same delays occurred during the first module but quickly improved.

The PC meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Catalina Pelaez

President

Michelle Beda

Secretary