

**PARENT COUNCIL
MINUTES # 04
December 10, 2020**

Due to the Pandemic Covid-19 the Parent Council meeting was held virtually on Thursday, December 10, 2020, 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 November with the following **Agenda**:

1. Biosecurity Protocols
 - a. Criteria for Testing, Contact Tracing, and Quarantining
 - b. Face Masks
 - c. Daily Health Form

2. Hybrid Model 2021
 - a. School Hours
 - b. Timings for Students
 - c. Groupings
 - d. Microphones

3. Transportation
4. Cafeteria, bookstore and snack shack
5. Athletics and Condor Activities
6. Chromebooks in ES

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 (4th grade), Luis Lara (5th grade), Catalina Pelaez (6th grade), Helena de Brigard (7th grade), Maria Cecilia Escallón (9th grade), Alexandra Crump (10th grade), Evelyn Aghion (11th grade), Margarita Rivera (12th grade).

Dr. Habegger started the Parent Council meeting by sharing a presentation, with criteria for testing, contact tracing and quarantining, which would give a real insight as to what is happening behind the scenes. This information will be shared with parents in a communication.

Dr. Habegger said each case needs to be treated in a unique way, there is no one way to do things. There are three perspectives for schooling during a major pandemic: 1. Health and safety for our community 2. Learning Program Provisions 3. Psychological and Emotional needs.

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Dr. Habegger said since the Hybrid Modules started in November there have been 9 positive cases:

1. Three positives from students (all three contracted from adults in the house)
2. Six positive teacher cases (four contracted from external adults & two unknown)
3. Of the six positive teacher cases:
 - a. No students reported symptoms or positive test results
 - b. No adults from contact tracing reported symptoms or positive test results. Twenty-six adults were instructed to self- quarantine: 14 current negative PCR tests, several tests pending, and the rest in standard 14-day quarantine.

The school decides to test a staff member when this is needed to continue operations.

4. Since the hybrid began, there is no documented case of transmission between Student-to Staff, Staff- to- Student, or Staff-to Staff.

The conclusions are:

1. Protocols are working
2. Majority of cases contracted from external adults. This has been proven to be true.
3. Maintaining vigilance will be the key.

Dr. Habegger said there are three health and safety groups in school:

1. Health zone now with five nurses and an occupational doctor who looks at cases who might have comorbidities but might be able to come back to work. As a result, 4 to 5 staff members have been able to come back on campus.
2. Covid-19 Health and safety committee (crisis management team)
3. Key decision makers
 - a. Gressa Biosecurity Consultants (testing/quarantine recommendations)
 - b. School Director (final decision on determinations for positive COVID-19 cases)
 - c. Board of Directors (policies, learning mode, and school closure decisions)

Dr. Habegger said there are factors related to testing and isolation biosecurity decisions:

- Probable cause of exposure
- Type of contact: Level 1,2, 3
- Days since last contact with person
- Environment indoor/outdoor

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- Distance from contact
- Duration of contact
- Other cluster contacts (family school)
- Symptomatic/Asymptomatic
- Masked/Unmasked (duration)
- Mode of transportation to /From

Each one of these leads to a completely different decision. We make judgement calls with the biosecurity company based on the information we receive.

Regarding facemasks we have received feedback from Caracolito's to make improvements and we are also working on the surgical mask as another fourth option.

As far as the daily health form concerning if it can be filled the night before. Dr. Habegger said he is checking with Gressa to see if there are any specific requirements from the decree about when these can be filled out. Both items will be in the parent's communique.

The Hybrid Model 20-21. On Monday the 18th of January we have the PD day for teachers in preparation for the hybrid/virtual model. School will begin virtual on the 19th. That week all the support staff will be tested, general services, security. After people travel you need to wait six days for taking the PCR. On January 25, teachers, administrators and academic staff will be tested. Results will be received in 24 hours so they can come back on campus to prepare for classes on February 1st with the 1st hybrid module. Students in group A will test on January 26th and 27th. Group B will test the following Tuesday and Wednesday. The site is yet to be determined. It cannot take place on campus like group A, because we cannot run school operations with testing being done.

There is uncertainty as to how the module is going to look like. It all depends on the decree. If the decree does not change the groupings would stay the same, but if the percentage of students allowed to be in school rises, the groupings may change.

Expecting a new hybrid model in January – longer school days (#1 priority). If this applies, Cafeteria and Snack Shack will need to open but the how has yet to be determined.

Probably opening food service is the first step, then followed by Athletics and Condor activities, and finally to a more open transportation.



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School will go with the status quo until we know what the changes will be. It does not make sense to make changes right now until we know what the decree says. We are suggesting for everybody to be back on the city by January 18th to be able to adjust to whatever scenario comes.

The School is now testing the 4th set of microphones. These should be implemented before the holiday break.

Regarding Chromebooks in ES, Dr Habegger recommended the ES PCs talk with Mrs. Cruckshank.

With no further issues, the PC meeting was adjourned at 8:20 A.M.

Catalina Pelaez
President

Michelle Beda
Secretary