Summer Learning for Students

For five weeks, FVSD offered Expanded Learning Opportunities for students in first through eighth grade. The sensational summer school staff focused on English language arts and math instruction for roughly 420 students. It was a terrific experience for all, and we are most proud of the effort and growth shown by our summer school students.

Summer Learning for Staff

Throughout the summer, teachers and staff had the opportunity to engage in roughly 20 professional learning opportunities. Everyone in attendance was happy to be together once more to learn, collaborate, and be inspired. The range of topics stretch across academic content areas and included trainings related to health, safety, student engagement strategies, and achievement data analysis. Ongoing professional learning keeps our staff current and motivated.

Safety

The Safe Schools Task Force (SSTF) held an introductory meeting in July. The roughly 30 team members are representative of each of our 10 schools, preschools, day care programs, both Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach police departments, staff, and the community. Our focus this year will be to continue implementing the recommendations made by the previous task force, determining new areas of need and a timeline for implementation, improving communication, and engaging our community. You may see the presentation from the first SSTF Introductory Meeting here.

At the August board meeting, our trustees approved a District proposal for an additional scope of work with Rachlin Partners, which includes but is not limited to a district-wide security study. This architectural firm, which FVSD collaborated with for the entire scope of the Measure O work, has extensive knowledge and understanding of our campuses. Their security study will include, but is not limited to, recommendations for locking systems, perimeter fencing, and other architectural safety measures. For the security study, Rachlin will include options and potential costs. We will keep the community informed as we move forward.

A School Safety Team will be established at each site. The purpose of each team is to make its school safer for students and staff by addressing specific campus and community needs. Each principal will send out a form for parents and guardians to complete and submit to express interest. At a minimum, each team will focus on emergency preparedness (e.g., bins, drills, tournequites, safety backpacks, updated class rosters, snacks and water), event safety (e.g.,

lighting, security, check-in/out), and arrival & dismissal Protocols. The School Safety Team will play a critical role in making each campus safer–everyday. Stay tuned for the interest form from your school(s).

Protocols and Practices

As a school community, we are committed to making a shift in our minds and in our behaviors to restore safety habits:

- During summer school we reinstated our **closed and locked door policy,** when students are learning within their classroom. We expect this practice to resume come the start of the regular school year.
- At each school, a **single point of entry** will be utilized. This will be a shift for some, however it is imperative that we get into the habit of using one entry point as we move forward.
- Restroom buddies will be utilized at the elementary level so that students are not alone when walking through the campus
- We will continue to take collective responsibility for making our schools safer by being aware and looking for any signs of danger in and around school and on social media. A "See something, Say Something" practice is most helpful. Quickly inform the school if you see or hear of a concern. Call your front office and/or when necessary directly call the FVPD or HBPD directly.

Our new Director of Student Services and Safety will communicate these and other safety protocols to parents/guardians and staff. Principals will re-communicate safety protocols to their school communities.

Our Partnership with FVPD and HBPD

We continue to work closely with law enforcement. Please read the joint communication here. In addition to conducting safety training for our site and district leadership teams, both Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach police departments will do site specific trainings for each staff. Additionally, the School Resource Officers are looking to build relationships with students and staff and take a more proactive approach to safety and wellness. Click here to see the joint communication between FVSD, FVPD, and HBPD.

Video Fun

Summer Goings on 2022 Part 1

Summer Goings on 2022 Part 2

Inspire Video Link