

10 Minute meeting notes February 2021

Parents and the community have asked what is needed for a return to in-person learning. Here are our main talking points. Write to the BOE and speaking at the BOE on Thursday, March 4th, to express our desire to return safely with these assurances.

1. Ventilation and HVAC - As every site in the district is different, a generalized report is insufficient. For example, classroom A needs to keep its windows open and class B doesn't, how will we know? We need transparent reports by site and classroom by an external occupational ventilation specialist.
2. Cleaning and hygiene - resources, schedules, and support need to be defined (in alliance with SEIU).
3. Surveillance (as required by LACDPH) and screening testing
4. Compliance monitoring - What systems will be used to ensure protocols are followed, problems reported, and who is responsible to respond and correct?
5. Expert health and epidemiology consultants to work with the district within and across sites for recommendations and information.

Here is the most recent [update from LA County Regarding the Covid Vaccine](#).

Elections

Elections are upcoming - consider Running for the following positions.

- There is an open Middle School seat on the executive board for the remainder of the 2019-2021 term, which ends June 30, 2021. Rep council will vote on this position on March 22, 2021. [Submit a declaration of candidacy by March 16th](#).

The following seats are up for election for the 2021-2023 Executive Board.

- 1 officer (secretary)
- 1 Middle School Rep
- 1 Elementary school rep.

Candidate declarations and statements must be turned in by March 26th. Campaigning takes place March 27th – April 26th, (candidates will be given a chance to speak at the Rep Council Meeting. Voting opens on April 27th through Simply Voting. [A full timeline can be located here](#), and on our website and padlet.

Website

We frequently update our website to include information about SMMCTA, our MOU, and subsequent addendums, information on the upcoming SMMCTA election, safe school information, the forms for accommodation needs, PPE requests, etc. If you are interested in being a part of our communication committee, please let us know.

www.smmcta.com

<https://padlet.com/smmctamembers/20pzd91sp3dac47u>

Negotiations

1. We have ratified [Addendum 8](#) In our next round, we will also be asking (again) for time to arrange classrooms in elementary.
2. Elementary schools hope to open in distance learning after staff has had 15 days of access to the vaccine.

SMDP

The Santa Monica Daily Press is conducting a “[reopen SMMUSD](#)” [poll](#). *Please take it here. We need your voice! It only takes a couple of minutes. Ask your IA’s and paras to take it too.*

Accommodations

The rules on this have changed as FFCRE expired at the end of 2020. That law allowed for accommodations for family members being cared for at home. For those who have applied for accommodations because of family members, approval will depend on whether or not your school has a job for you online, if not, you may be asked to return to work in person. In that case, you may apply for an FMLA leave, which uses your sick days and once exhausted is not paid, or a personal leave which is also unpaid.

Room reopening - Make sure your site schedules meetings with your admin to discuss how the room will need to be set up and that arrangements are being made to move furniture. If it is important to you, make sure to get on the schedule for assistance. You should not be doing this on your own time.

General

We are happy to see a downward trend in the numbers, but we are still dependent on each other and our community to follow all health precautions. If you are working on-site, please be sure that everyone follows the guidelines by having everyone on campus sing in AND COMPLETE THE SCREENING PROCESS (including us). Stay masked! Do not remain in closed rooms for more than 15 minutes. Do not congregate in one room with each other no matter how tempting. If there are any questions regarding health protocols, please contact your nurse. If you observe any issues, please fill out this form and forward it to your site admin and me. [SMMCTA PPE/Protocols Requests \(google.com\)](#).

Our general membership meeting will be Monday, March 1st, at 3:30.

This meeting is NOT open to the public, so you will need to ask for access from the waiting room with your name and school site/position (if applicable).

*SMMCTA Members is inviting you to a General Membership Meeting
Time: Mar 1, 2021, 03:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/9120098982?pwd=ZS92bHpXelgxMjZmUXRDdkhNNFpodz09>

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