

## 10 Minute meeting notes April 2021

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work reopening school this week. It is wonderful to see the excitement on students faces meeting their teachers, many for the first time. This is probably our greatest accomplishment in the 20/21 school year. It is impressive that you were able to pivot three times in the same year.

### Compliance monitoring

It is essential that we all be vigilant on health and safety issues and fill out the [COVID Compliance Forms](#). If you are concerned about using your name (though we hope you will) bring it to your site rep or FAC member to send in. Your admin has access to this data and they should respond to issues in a timely manner as they arise (within 72 hours). (Mark Kelly, Carey Upton and Sarah Braff also have access to this data). In addition, our restrooms were tested and about half of them were rated poorly on ventilation and they are under repair. Elementary should be completed this week and secondary next week. We will follow up. (You can view this report with your smmk12 account).

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### Elections

SMMCTA members will be sent a personal link through Simply Voting for our Executive Board Elections for 2021-2023. The following candidates are running. The election will run through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Read their candidate statement by clicking on their name!

- [Secretary - Jenny Lipson \(Grant\)](#)
- [Middle School- Shelly Ehrke \(Lincoln\)](#)
- [Elementary – Erin Haendel \(SMASH\)](#)

### Newly arriving Students

We expect more DL students to return to class, and some may just show up without planning. If a student shows up and there is no desk/seat for them, do not let them enter the class. Refer them to the office for instructions. If there is room for an additional desk and chair and it is set up, the student may then join the class. Otherwise the admin needs to find an alternative for that student.

### Concurrent Teaching

This is clearly not an effective strategy for good teaching. We have shared with our negotiations team that we have no interest in continuing this model for 2021-2022.

### Tech

At present we do not have enough Tech personnel. Teaching staff needs to put in a chit with the help desk in the IT department for issues you have or equipment you need. They will not respond without it.

For students and their Chromebooks, we have requested a written policy (by site/grade level or district wide) with as to whether students are to keep their Chromebooks at school or at home. We hope this will clear up confusion, especially at the elementary level.

### Covid Testing

PCR testing is available by appointment at JAMS and MES

For staff – [click here for an appointment](#)

For students – [click here for an appointment](#)

Antigen tests require teams of 4-5 trained at each site. Any trained staff members can do this testing, but there are many parameters that must be met. We hope that they will be up and running in 2 weeks.

### **Malibu Unification.**

The union takes the position that Malibu families and staff are the ones who should determine whether or not Malibu should be its own district. However, we oppose the current separation agreement as we do not feel it is equitable. We recommend a third-party financial review to determine the best course moving forward.

### **BOE Recall**

The union site does not support the school board recall. While we do not agree with every action the board has taken, we are adamantly opposed to a minority of voters in Santa Monica claiming malfeasance and corruption without presenting any facts. We are opposed to the city and district spending hundreds of thousands of dollars that could be better spent at the service of our students and residents a few months after the general election in November.

### **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.

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