

College of San Mateo

Campus Safety Committee Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 25, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/98238675051?pwd=YXBBCUFlam9YaEdZbkprbVR4ZXpqQT09>

Members Present: Emily Barrick, Gloria D’Ambra, Robert Gutierrez, Cynthia James, Ben Zara Minkin, Micaela Ochoa, Viji Raman, William Woods, Janis Wisherop

Staff: Stephanie Martinez

Student Representative: Megha Rai

Guests Present: Vince Garcia, Ray Hernandez, Edna Letran, Heidi Pereira, Yen Tran, Kathy McEachron, Cheryl Navarrete, Ludmila Prisecar, Rene Renard

Micaela called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Welcome and Review Agenda

The members present approved the agenda as presented.

Review and Approval of December 17, 2020 Minutes

The group reviewed the minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting. After review, the December 17, 2020 minutes were approved as amended in the meeting.

EOC and COVID Update

Ben Zara explained the responsibilities of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) as mandated under the National Incident Management System, and the EOC structure within the District. He also provided updates on the following:

The District Health and Safety Plan is located at <https://covid-19.smccd.edu/health-and-safety-plan/>. Campus community members are encouraged to visit the site regularly as the plan is continuously revised based on needs and progress.

The current COVID-19 data was presented for the US, California, and San Mateo County including the state vaccination rate, as of March 24, 2021. There has been no communal transmission on campus since the beginning of COVID. At the time, San Mateo was in TIER 3/Orange TIER. Ben Zara explained how the District aligns courses offered on campus with what is happening in the private and business sectors.

A breakdown of the number of students attending on-campus courses was presented for each campus for the Spring 2021 semester. Ben Zara estimates that the number of students during the Summer 2021 will be consistent with Spring 2021. Fall 2021 semesters will bring approximately three times the number of students on campus. Courses that can remain remote will continue remotely for Fall 2021. The District is reviewing courses to determine which courses can return to on-campus instruction based on curriculum, student population, and equity. The District is taking into consideration a number of stipulations for employee return to campus.

As of January 25, 2021, CSM started managing San Mateo County's COVID-19 testing, and sharing the responsibility with Stanford University. CSM will manage Optum, and Stanford will manage Curative. Testing is provided at no cost but an appointment is required. District students, staff, and faculty will receive priority.

The District has applied for CalVax to CSM become a vaccination site for District students, staff, and faculty. The District has ordered freezers to comply with vaccination site requirements. Logistical needs, an Incident Action Plan, and feasibility are being determined by the Policy Group and Board of Trustees.

All District employees are eligible for the vaccine. Vaccination resources (locations where employees can get vaccinated) were shared with the committee.

April 22, 2021 Meeting Agenda Items

- Safety Committee Membership
- Safety Committee Purpose
- Other

Information Sharing

Cynthia requested additional information regarding budgeting for personnel protective equipment and sanitization supplies due to COVID upon return to campus. Ben Zara informed Cynthia and the committee of a COVID-specific resource request form for the District to provide required supplies and equipment.

The committee discussed their thoughts behind mandatory vaccinations, on-campus mask requirements, and other precautionary measures. With the exception of one individual, comments provided expressed that individuals should be required to be vaccinated in order to return to campus. One individual expressed that it's a personal preference, and individual

exceptions need to be considered. Janis acknowledged the efforts of the EOC.

Based on no further feedback and discussion, Micaela adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 22, 2021