

## *A Summary Report of the January 26, 2021 CFSD Governing Board Meeting*



### **Update Regarding In-Person and Remote Learning**

Dr. Kamerzell presented an update on in-person and remote learning. She said that CFSD schools continue to have a low incidence of positive COVID cases reported by families and staff during the past weeks of in-person learning that continued on January 4.

Dr. Kamerzell provided information on the chronology of events that the district's administration has tried to manage since January 15 to facilitate the vaccination of CFSD staff who chose to be inoculated. The Pima County Health Department's (PCHD) organization and implementation of a vaccination registration process have been very confusing and unreliable. Dr. Kamerzell reported that Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett responded to PCHD's numerous changing requirements to identify the prioritization of CFSD staff to receive vaccinations. The district determined that the employees who had contact with the greatest number of in-person students would receive the vaccine first, and since age is a risk factor for COVID-19, it was used as a second criterion for consideration. Dr. Bartlett has sent the entire prioritization list of CFSD employees to the PCHD.

Dr. Kamerzell also reported that fortunately, many CFSD staff had taken it upon themselves to pursue another route to secure a vaccination, such as traveling to the State Farm Stadium in Glendale and to the Kino Sports Complex in Tucson. Staff also responded quickly to a notice sent out by Dr. Bartlett, received by the Tucson Fire Department, that a first dose of the vaccine was available at the Tucson Convention Center at a no-appointment-necessary walk-up clinic for educators on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

### **Approval of 2022-2023 Calendar (second reading)**

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett presented the 2022-2023 school year calendar for preliminary approval. A first version of calendar was reviewed at the board's first reading on January 12. Dr. Bartlett provided a second version of the calendar in response to the board's discussion during the first reading. Version 2 moves the last day before Winter Break to Friday, December 16, 2022, from the initial proposal of December 23, 2022. The other components of the version 2 calendar: a semester split of 85/95, a return date after winter break of January 2, 2023, and the end of the third quarter for middle schools and high school

on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bartlett reported that all other dates in the calendar would remain the same: new-teacher start date of July 27 and returning teachers on August 2, first day of school on August 8, a full week of Fall Break October 10-14, parent-teacher conference days the week of October 25-27, no school on Veteran's Day on Friday, November 11, the Winter Break that includes three weekends, and May 24 for the last day of school. The board approved the version 2 calendar, as presented.

### **Approval of Changes to High School Courses and Programs for 2021-2022 (second reading)**

Associate Superintendent Mary Jo Conery presented the second reading that highlighted the changes to high school courses and programs. The changes included the addition of the orchestra program, the course sequencing and content of the choir program, a change to the Earth Science course description, and two additions in Career & Technical Education (CTE) – Advanced Computer Programming, and a shadowing requirement in the Film and TV 3 program. The board approved all the proposed course and program changes for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years, as presented.

### **Catalina Foothills School District Assessment Program and Arizona's A-F Accountability System**

Dr. Conery presented a summary report of the CFSD assessment program. She reviewed the analysis of the last three years of state testing results from AzMERIT and AIMS Science that disaggregated the data by subgroups. The subgroup data is used to evaluate equitable access to programs and outcomes for all students. Dr. Conery indicated that it is important to capture the extent of learning gains and losses across different subgroups in the current context. She indicated that by integrating and analyzing data in different ways and targeting interventions, help can be provided to students to regain ground or pursue advanced coursework. Dr. Conery explained the process of comparing students' grades in courses/subject areas in grades 6-12 at the end of the first semester in 2019 before the pandemic with grades at the end of the first semester in 2020. Also compared were the number of "F" grades at the high school from the first semester 2019 and the first semester 2020. The data will be correlated with state assessment results and other

measures to analyze performance in relation to academic standards and other targeted goals. She provided information about the 2019-2020 test administration of the College and Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA+) administered to high school freshmen and juniors, and an update on Arizona's A-F Accountability System.

### **2021 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity**

Board members discussed information about the increase to the tax credit voucher amount for a School Tuition Organization (STO), what the new USA administration's support for the reopening of schools for in-person learning could mean, the C.D.C.'s new report about reopening schools for in-person learning under recommended guidelines for schools and communities, more funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund, and the possibility of the Arizona Legislature passing legislation to fully fund schools in 2020-2021, instead of the 95% funding level for remote learners imposed by Governor Ducey.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- January 12, 2021, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum

### **Upcoming Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is ***Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.***

- Outstanding Achievements
- Update Regarding In-Person and Remote Learning



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Brice Vail, EA Inclusion, SD