

EAG March 25, 2020
“Equity in the Age of Corona”
5:30 – 7:30 pm

In attendance: Myra, Paul, Betty, Brooke, Johanna, Alma, Haruka, Maina, Pia, Lena, Terry, Mohammed, Kimberly, Dr. Duran, John, Shomari, Pat

1) Welcome and check in: how are you doing, what’s a recent point of beauty?

2) Quick Zoom tutorial – how to raise hand, see participants, mute button

3) Dr. Duran update

District Priorities:

- Nutrition and childcare, B S Foundation has been helping. Anticipate more needs from families not working, encouraging people to donate to the Foundation and other services
- Childcare -were getting set up, then Governor’s announcement. Now serving 80 kids at two sites. B&G Club also helping.
- All 2ndary students have laptops, but not all have wifi. Getting set up with hotspots, running out. 1400+ students and some for staff requested some type of device. Have handed out 1700 mostly laptops. Some families don’t know how to use computers – Shomari and his team have been working on this with IT team, mobile tech support to families.
- Will the gap widen? It’s a concern. Can do learning labs for kids needing extra guidance when we get back in session. Depends on how long it goes. Now is the time to re-think education, tracking what’s happening across the country.
- How can we help the parents learn more about technology – it’s the parents who are enforcing home study, tutorials. Twitch might be a good match!
- Some staff being exposed, giving hazard pay and time and a half, orgs providing breakfast.
- Who is funding? Worried – tracking, doing what we think is right, anyone can get a meal, BSF paid \$50K will use that in 3 weeks.
- Not likely to return before April 24
- Looking at wifi in buses

For EAG:

- Things will settle out into a routine
- Want EAG to continue, and we’ll need the work done, how we can build upon the work, equity walks and other tools we have and continue to use.

- How is our EAG timeline impacted? Let's still shoot for June. If something changes, we'll address later.
- Is the school board still meeting? Yes, using MS Teams for virtual meetings.

4) Community Forums postponed- Paul

- PS: Assume they won't be happening until the district is back in session and more realistically next fall, even if we get back to normal. We have a plan, a draft agenda.
- ID: Would we consider virtual community forum? Did a Town Hall last week had 3,000 people on there, worked well. Want to continue the work.
- Would the public have the bandwidth?
- Could be useful format: send pre-questions, able to control the flow of questions
- We'd have to consider people's ability/access to participate in a Town Hall, those who have the most to say to us – Alma agrees
- Paul: let's find time in the next couple of weeks to talk about how/whether to do this online format. Remember that some people may not have the mental or technological capacity to work with us.

5) Updates from work groups – what have you done since last time, questions

1) Myra – we haven't done much, we'll resume, wanted to hear what this group would do. When might teaching and learning folks have capacity to talk to us – couple of weeks

2) Maina – working on student fees policy, work on counseling policy, ID: want to bring EAG and parents together to talk about fees, so people understand fees and differences

3) Terry – haven't met since January, making some contacts

For all: Questions for staff – specific questions can be addressed, contact John Harrison, he can put you in touch with and coordinate.

6) Break Out Groups: 30 minutes

7) Next Steps and Closing

- April 22 – similar format
- What's due? Work on your team's individual priorities. In May we'll want to hear top recommendations for whole group discussion
- Community forum group will meet in between and think about virtual option
- Anything with budget implications – to Dr. Duran ASAP
- Any staff requests – through John H
- Thanks everyone!