

# Notes for Town Hall Meeting with Jessie Kinney Alcazar

## Tuesday, July 28th, 2020

Welcome and introductions

### District Initiatives:

- The goal of the district is to start on time with two options available to families, PVConnect and PVOnline.
- Teacher development- the teachers have gone through extensive training and development to prepare for virtual learning.
- All students will have chrome books provided.
- District has sent weekly “Wednesday” communication sharing broad information as it becomes available. They will continue to do so.
- Starting Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Sandpiper will be fully staffed, all teachers and assistants, everyone who would have been there in person will be staffed and ready to teach and assist.
- This year Sandpiper will have a full-time reading specialist, part time teaching coach and a social worker on staff.
- Principal training and support available as well via cohorts.

### School Information:

- Sandpiper will have a consistent schedule for families and staff.
- Important for families to understand when we start and stop the day.
- Sandpiper will be loaning out over 300 chrome books, materials and pre-ordered school supply kits via the distribution event.
  - o The schedule is as follows:
    - July 31st from 3 PM to 7 PM
    - August 1st from 8 AM to 12 PM
    - August 3rd from 8 AM to 4 PM
    - Please print out the contract ahead of time. Parents or guardians need to sign the contract.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an optional additional materials pick up for families that would rather not print all of the pdfs provided by the teachers.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> schedules and teacher information will be available on Infinite Campus.
- Each teacher will create a “meet the teacher” video for their students and will be sending them out on Friday, July 31st.
- Curriculum Night will be held on Monday, August 3rd. This is for parents only and will be recorded for those parents who miss.
  - o K-1 from 5:30-6:30 PM
  - o 2-3 from 6:30-7:30 PM
  - o 4-6 from 7:30-8:30 PM

### **Teacher and Classroom Expectations:**

- Google classrooms have been created for all classes K-6 for all subjects.
- Sandpiper teachers have spent hours translating material for Math Science and Social Studies paid for by district provided funds.
- Teachers are expected to connect with each student every day and will have consistent schedules.
- Specific staff members have been identified to provide extra support for the teachers with technology (Ms. Pele and Ms. Brown).
- Teachers and other support staff will be on campus regularly to help with print materials.
- Sandpiper will now have a full-time sub on staff to help wherever necessary.
- We are moving from crisis teaching to cohesive instruction.
- All teachers have google classrooms with lessons pre-loaded along with other software they can use.
- Sandpiper will continue with benchmark assessments.
- Specials will continue.
- Sandpiper will continue with dual language immersion program.

### **Classroom Schedules:**

- K-2 students will have 3-3.5 hours of virtual instructions daily.
- K-2 students will have whole class learning from 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM and small group learning from 1:10 PM - 2:30 PM.
- All teachers will have office hours and teacher collaboration time from 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM every day.
- 3rd-6th students will have 4-4.5 hours of virtual instructions daily.
- 3rd-6th students will have whole class learning from 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM, Social Emotional Learning - All Things EQ from 1:00 PM-1:30 PM and small group learning from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.
- All things EQ will have robust material across all grades levels and will be sharing their material with parents.
- It is important to be working toward the same goals.
- Specials teachers will join the classroom to minimize the disruption before DLSI students switch to Spanish instruction.
- Lunch will be from 12:30 PM -1:10 PM for everyone regardless of grade level.
- First couple of weeks we will be focused on helping to create community feeling.
- Support will be available to all parents.
- Please praise students along the way.
- Will continue with PBIS and will be celebrating students doing their personal best.

### **Recommendations to Parents:**

- Please adhere to schedule.
- Give the child dedicated workspace.
- Keep distractions at a minimum.

- Have access to internet and other resources.
- Make sure students are dressed for school.
- Help them plan.
- Help your students to practice their routine.
- Let them know your schedule.
- Keep support contact info handy.
- Schedule breaks.
- Reduce the feeling of isolation.
- Praise and forgiveness.

While there is a lot of uncertainty right now, we are all trying our best to make this as normal as possible for our students.

#### **Q&A:**

Q: Is it okay to use personal devices and will the district support?

A: Yes, If you are able to log into infinite campus and google you can use your personal device, there will be a common logon.

Q: Do we have enough chrome books to support new asks?

A: Yes, we have 420 chrome books available. We can take requests until Thursday, July 30th and have the computers ready for pick up this weekend.

If you request after Thursday, we will have another pick up date available.

Please email Sandy Brown directly if you changed your mind or have questions.

[sanbrown@pvschools.net](mailto:sanbrown@pvschools.net)

Q: If kids are new when will they learn how to log on?

A: There will be information on curriculum night. Google classrooms will have videos embedded and we will be pushing them out to parents.

Q: What are the school supplies needed for online?

A: That information will be shared tomorrow. Supply lists remain the same however they will be divided into two parts: PVConnect and in person.

Q: When will official schedules come from teachers?

A: Schedules will be published on Friday.

Q: Will there be a separate meet the teacher for kids?

A: We do not have one scheduled at this time. The video is intended for this purpose.

Q: How will teachers get students to stay engaged and participate?

A: Teachers have taken many development trainings in this topic. Teachers will create norms and expectations of calling on students like in a normal classroom setting. The first week of school will be focusing on classroom norms, students are encouraged to ask questions and participate. Every teacher may handle it differently, for example a teacher may have small breakout groups she may join. Google classroom features have been added as well. For example, the teacher will be able to control the chat feature, muting and unmuting students, raising hands.

Q: Kinder and early learners, how do you plan to engage them?

A: Kinder teachers have discussed at great length and have taken some successes from spring. They will be breaking into much smaller groups, 10-15 minutes of whole group instructions then they will break into small groups. We know with kinder we need to teach them how to be engaged in a virtual classroom. We will not have specials to start so they can really engage with their teachers. Also, there will be small groups in the afternoon for students that need extra help.

Q: How is the district and Sandpiper making sure instructions are high quality?

A: This is different from the 4th quarter. That was crisis teaching, we did our best. This will be different! All teachers will have robust google classrooms and we will be very cohesive. We will take attendance and will have expectations.

Q: How will misbehaviors and distractions be handled?

A: Teachers will have individual meetings with parents and students, we will have to work hard to engage them. The afternoon may be the time for that student to have more 1:1 time. Every situation will be addressed differently.

Q: What are the class sizes based on current enrollment?

A: Sandpiper currently has 500-600 students currently enrolled. 38 students have decided to go to PV online. There will be approximately 18-22 students per class in the younger grades and up to 26 per class in the older grades.

Q: Will lesson plans be sent the prior week?

A: This is undecided, we are still working with the teachers on this.

Q: Should all parents plan to pick up a materials packet this weekend?

A: Yes, the materials distribution will not be just teacher packets, they will contain parent information and workbooks for the students. There will not be pdfs for this weekend's materials.

Q: How will assessment and testing be done?

A: Teachers are receiving info today about how the district will support assessment and benchmark; all will be embedded in google classroom. Reading, math and other subject areas testing will also continue.

Q: Will the gifted students have double work?

A: No, teachers will have their time aligned with the gifted teacher. Students will be pulled out and instructed separately, so everything will be aligned.

Q: Will PVConnect be available after learning starts in person?

A: This is still unclear. It has not been discussed at great lengths, district says there will be, but we cannot speak to that yet.

Q: Will there be free onsite support after August 17th and will mascot be available at Sandpiper?

A: Mascot will be available, however that is a community ed program, separate from our program. We don't know much about Governor Ducey's order. Please read the superintendent's weekly messages because they are receiving information from the state and they relay to the schools, so we defer to them on this topic.

### **Notes & Q&A Pulled from the Chat Session:**

Q: Will district provide headset/earbuds?

A: No.

Q: Are school supply kits still available for purchase?

A: No, we will be distributing what was purchased during our days/times later this week.

Q: Will we be publishing teacher/student information on the front school door on Friday (as we have in the past)?

A: No, all information will be shared via email.

Q: Do the students need to do anything to gain access to their Google Classroom?

A: All students are assigned a gmail address with their pvlerners accounts. They will receive directions on how to access the Google Classroom.

Q: Will the students have 1 log-in per day?

A: We are working to minimize unique log-ins.

Nurse Becca Request:

Please do your yearly health update, district email sent yesterday. Contact her with any questions: [rsacks@pvschools.net](mailto:rsacks@pvschools.net)

Please sign up for Infinite Campus (IC) for access to student grades, etc.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-vp7nDMgdJiUst9U53Afd1yCZfu1MJn-hDsleA3bXMc/edit?usp=sharing>

**Thank you to all those who attended the Town Hall and participated in the chat. Many of the questions raised were answered by staff and other parents on the call. We appreciate our community coming together to share information and help each other!**