

Point Arena Schools DELAC

5/27/2020

10:30 a.m.

Minutes

***Distance Learning Reports from Site Principals**

Principal Carson from Arena Elementary reported Amie Cabezut, ELD teacher at Arena, has been reaching out to the ELD families she works with through ZOOM. Homework packets are prepared for the families without internet access, however some of the Spanish speaking parents are not able to understand and assist with the homework. Lori Ledbetter, who will be the Spanish Speaking ELD teacher next year has been making home visits and face timing with some of the ELD families. Arena also has an outreach team who follow up on students who are not picking up/returning homework and are not participating in on-line instruction. Action Network and Mendonoma Health Alliance also provide resources to families and have Spanish speakers available.

Ms. Ledbetter reported some parents have gone back to work and are not available to help their students with the homework. Some students are falling behind as the divide between the students who succeed versus those who get nothing grows.

Superintendent Galletti wants to move forward with a strategy to increase and improve services. Mr. Carson suggested the zoom instruction be recorded for families to access when parents are home from work and can assist their students.

Board Member Shimon asked if the Homework packets are also in Spanish. Currently they are not and Ms. Ledbetter can look over instructions in Spanish and perhaps Spanish videos can be made available for parents to help their kids when they are not working. Arena provides Math books in Spanish in the primary grades.

Principal Wilkes from Point Arena High School reported it is a challenge for some of the ELD students to participate in the on-line classroom meetings. Victor, Maria and Michelle have been checking in on students. Some students have disconnected from school. Mr. Wilkes said one of the six high school students who are not on-line and pick up homework packets is an ELD student.

Maria said she has been calling families to see if they need help and is providing help.

***Application for Categorical Programs**

Principal Carson plans to send Ms. Ledbetter and other teachers to ELD Instruction training. Everyone in attendance supports the application and would like Business Manager Chin to move forward with the application.

Mr. Galletti reported Superintendents around the county are aware of the widening gap and are making plans for next year. He thanked everyone for their support and hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.