

### School Conference May 6th, 2020

- Meeting commenced at 15:15
- Agenda changes
  - ES Schedule Change postponed due to timeliness of distance-learning and hygiene issues
  - Distance Learning moved to beginning of meeting for same reason
    - Changes approved with all in favor
- Parent reps raise point of minutes incongruence with Mr. Cortinas for previous meeting
  - Issue postponed
- Distance Learning
  - Parent reps submit a draft of suggested distance learning plan, including hours of academic work per week, used platform(s), and various specifics on assignments, divided by grade level
    - Teacher reps express concern at this level of mandated hours, meetings, etc. and assert implausibility of implementation due to German law
  - Zoom is no longer permitted as educational tool, uncertainty about Google and Google Classroom
    - Movement to approve teachers' and students' use of Google Classroom as long as they do so within the Datenschutz regulations passes. (10/0/0)
  - Despite dire need for training of teachers regarding use of online platforms for distance learning, no time can be made, as Senat is pushing for students to come back to school, and there is no time to spare in between
  - Teachers point out the extreme stress and pressure they are currently under, leaving little to no space for adjustment to the unfamiliar territory of distance teaching
  - All parties agree that:
    - students are the focus, and distance learning should minimize disadvantages of the situation
    - Creating an equivalent of workload at home not feasible for anyone to handle
  - Grading throughout quarantine will not detrimentally affect students' pre-quarantine grades
  - Importance of support and outreach for special needs students noted
- Covid-19 Update:
  - Certain KMK decisions still being waited on, but currently 7th and 8th graders not to be returning to school
  - Return to school targeting social aspect of seeing friends, etc. for students
  - Parents note that they have been very satisfied and reassured by extensive hygiene rules and planning done by school
  - Administration remarks that there is currently no pre-existing hygiene plan at JFKS, and it is in the works
  - Hort Emergency Care:
    - Currently receiving one assistant teacher to help students with homework, otherwise all other Hort workers (even within risk-group) still working
    - Hort is currently getting around 70 students to take care of, and through workarounds of schedule and separation, is doing best to minimize contact support families
- 12th Grade Graduation Replacement and 6th Grade "Bridge" Ceremony
  - Both events not possible in original format

- For graduation possibilities include:
  - Kids only/ Kids + only their parents
  - Open air (sport field?)
  - Ceremony w/o actual “handover” of diploma
  - Mural and yearbook still under way
  - Administration open to suggestions
- Bridge ceremony does not necessarily have to include bridge, and could just be an ES graduation moved somewhere else
- Administrative Candidate Voting
  - Still somewhat unclear as to who has final say on candidates
  - Topic marked as important but lengthy, and postponed
- Double-Room Usage Task Force Update
  - SK members received sheet with goals and timeline of taskforce
  - Bulletin board has been set up in ES for teachers and parents interested in progress made
- Next meeting set to June 3rd
- Meeting adjourned at 17:50

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Delfs