

Efficiency and Effectiveness (E2) Collaborative
Meeting Notes from Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Zoom Webinar | 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Present: Sashi McEntee (Guest, Mayor of Mill Valley), Bonnie Hough (Sausalito Marin City), David Hellman (Marin County Board of Education), Megan Hutchinson (Miller Creek), Tara Taupier (Tamalpais Union), Debbie Butler (Novato Unified), Linda Jackson (San Rafael), Brett Geithman (Larkspur-Corte Madera), Jill Sellers (Larkspur-Corte Madera), Marilyn Nemzer (Marin County Board of Education), Nicholas Ogden (Office of Assembly Member Levine), Terena Mares (MCOE), and Alexis Oberlander (MCOE)

Welcome & Introductions

- The Collaborative welcomed and introduced members.
- The Collaborative welcomed special guest, Sashi McEntee, Mayor of Mill Valley and Chair of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).
 - LAFCO regularly prepares studies – titled municipal service reviews – to independently evaluate the availability, need, and performance of local governmental services.
 - LAFCO, along with the Marin County Special District Association’s is hosting a Shared Services Workshop, E2 members and affiliates are welcome to attend. There will be two panels:
 - *Exploring Successful Shared Services Models in Marin* - Ms. McEntee will moderate and panelists will include members from the Ranch, South Marin Fire, and Central Marin JPA’s
 - *How to Create a Shared Services Model*
 - The workshop will be on Thursday, April 29th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, via zoom. For more information visit www.marinlafco.org.
- Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares introduced Sheri Mowbray (not in attendance). Sheri has reached out to several E2 members. She is leading a community group that is exploring district consolidation. Sheri will represent the group at the May County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO) meeting to report on their research.
 - Trustee Jill Sellers shared a document she created in 2020 called [School District Consolidation: A Snapshot](#). Trustee Sellers shared the information was pulled from various sources provided from the [County Committee for School District Organization \(CCSDO\)](#), and other state resources.

Wellness Collaborative Response to Student Suicide

- Due to two recent deaths of Middle School students in Marin, Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares reminded the committee of the Wellness Collaborative which presented to the E2 Collaborative in November 2020.
 - The Wellness Collaborative is a partnership between Health and Human Services, MCOE, and

the Districts.

- Not only does the Wellness Collaborative help districts with mental health resources, but they also assist Districts and Schools with crisis responses. Crisis response includes resources and licensed mental health professionals from Marin County school districts.
- The E2 Collaborative discussed AB 86 funds and the potential to use those funds for mental health programming. More information was requested on the permitted uses of those funds.

Topic: Job Sharing Between Districts due to COVID-19 Economic Impact

- Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares shared about the collaborative work within Marin County. The County is leading the state, as well as the nation, with protocols for returning to school safely. Weekly meetings with District Superintendent's and Public Health, have made Marin a model for other areas.
- Superintendent Brett Geithman shared a brief from the Learning Policy Institute, [Marin County: Leveraging Education and Public Health Partnerships to Support School Reopening](#)
- Additional collaborative efforts which were discussed include:
 - Learning Hubs
 - Cross district shared positions, particularly positions which are hard to fill, such as Behaviorists, Nurses, School Psychologists, Occupational Therapists and Superintendent positions, etc.
 - Partnerships between Boards of Education at the President and Trustee level

Updates/Announcements

- Trustee Linda Jackson announced she will step down as Co-Chair of the E2 Collaborative at the end of the academic year.
- Those interested in the Co-Chair position should reach out to Superintendent Tara Taupier (Co-Chair), Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares, or Trustee Linda Jackson for more information.

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | Topic: Alignment of Elementary and High School Curriculum