

Meeting Minutes November 16, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees:

Michael Shoaf, Superintendent Jennifer Norman, Executive Director Greg Murphy, Communications Director Ruth Beach, BOE Representative Megan Rose, RRMS Principal Carol Rosiak, GPS Principal Jeff Schultz, RRMS Asst. Principal Lori Brant, Booster Co-President Dave Opdycke, Union President Lynne Eversman, medical professional Mandy Smith, PTA Margie Hackett, PTA William Blough, RREF President Leslie Rossi, Executive Secretary Sam Gifford, Executive Director Bryan Drost, Technology Director Rob Winton, RRHS Principal Heath Horton, RRHS Asst. Principal Mark Wagner, Athletics/Activities Director Erin Peacock, Transportation Supervisor Tina Wasserbauer, Food Services Supervisor Aaron Lenart, Fire Department Megan Alexander, PTA Jenny Saab, PTA Kelly Frindt, PTA Lindsay Barbicas, PTA Meghan Hazra

Purpose and Goals - Rr 20/20 Vision Committee and Building Subcommittees

- Engage Stakeholders
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Share Parents/Guardians Survey Summary
- What do we need to do to safely open RRCSD?
- Gain approval of recommendations/plans from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and RRCSD Board of Education to implement when students/staff are permitted to return to RRCSD.

Building Subcommittees/Chair(s):

- Beach/Goldwood (Tara Zbin, Dr. Carol Rosiak)
- Kensington (Todd Murphy, Heath Horton)
- RRMS (Megan Rose, Jeff Schultz)

- RRHS (Rob Winton, Brian Gergerly)
- RRCSD Activities and Athletics (Mark Wagner)

Healthcare updates

Dr. Lynne Eversman shared:

- Positive cases are increasing everywhere; hospitalizations and ICU bed occupancy are on the rise
- Cuyahoga cases are surging; cases are up 30% in the U.S., deaths are up 10%
- Cold weather and letting our guard down in small gatherings are major causes
- Some communities are allowing positive health care workers who do not show symptoms to continue to work
- Pfizer vaccine:
 - o over 90% effective
 - not physician peer reviewed as of yet
 - o rural hospitals may not be able to afford it
 - requires -94° degrees storage
 - o booster shot required
- Moderna vaccine:
 - 94.5% effective
 - \circ $\,$ can be frozen and last 30 days in refrigerator at normal temp $\,$
 - o easier to transport
 - \circ one shot
- CCF (Cleveland Clinic) shows melatonin 60% effective in combating virus
- Death rate has dropped to .6% from .9% however patients are occupying beds longer
- Infants are extremely unlikely to die from infection
- Persistent symptoms for 87% of patients
- More damaging to lungs than the flu

RRCS Updates

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- Green (open), yellow (hybrid) and red (remote) models and the latest improvements to schedules
- Strong community push to open the district in the green instructional model
- Plan to open in green instructional model on January 26th (beginning of 2nd semester)

Breakout groups to discuss:

Advantages, disadvantages, experiences and input regarding:

- 1. Green, yellow and red instructional models
- 2. Implementing the green instructional model January 26, 2021
- 3. RRCSD COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Dr. Rosiak's group shared:

- Support for green model at the right time
- Being cautious is the best approach
- Gauge the rate of infection in the community
- How different age groups are coping

Mr. Gifford's group shared:

- Yellow (hybrid) model has been successful
- Green model is encouraged in a safe manner
- Parents of MS/HS students indicate that it is a long day on Zoom at times
- January 26th is a moving target
- Extra concern for students with special needs
- Need to look at the big picture based on conditions
- Concerns regarding neck gaiters when moving to green model (3' distance)
- Can we mandate a higher quality of mask be utilized by students/staff
- Moving from 6' to 3' will take some getting used to

Mr. Winton's group shared:

- January 26th is a good date to transition to green instructional model
- Natural break between semesters and after the holidays

Ms. Norman's group shared:

- Happy about more class time with updated models
- Need to be cautious
- Ample time to transition to Option B
- Need to ensure safety protocols are in place, mask breaks are available and lunch is at 6' distance

Mr. Murphy's group shared:

- Liked new instructional models with more class time
- Concerned about safely transitioning from 6' to 3'; more students will be in quarantine

Dr. Eversman shared:

- Students will most likely be one of the last groups on the list for the vaccine
- Masks should have 2 layers of fabric and be well-fitted
- Suggests ventilating rooms between classes
- Hospitals are stressed

Dr. Shoaf shared that moving between models will depend on positivity rates, number of those in quarantine and the ability to staff the buildings. Concern around college students returning home.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 5 pm, Rr 20/20 Vision Committee Meeting