



Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees:

Michael Shoaf, Superintendent	Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Superintendent
Greg Markus, Treasurer	Sam Gifford, Executive Director
Jennifer Norman, Executive Director	Bryan Drost, Technology Director
Greg Murphy, Communications Director	Ruth Beach, BOE Representative
Addie Olander, BOE Representative	Rob Winton, RRHS Principal
Heath Horton, RRHS Asst. Principal	Mark Wagner, Athletic Director
Megan Rose, RRMS Principal	Jeff Schultz, RRMS Asst. Principal
Todd Murphy, KIS Principal	Carol Rosiak, GPS Principal
Tara Zbin, RRECC Principal	Erin Peacock, Transportation Supervisor
Tina Wasserbauer, Nutrition Supervisor	Leslie Rossi, Executive Secretary
Mandy Smith, PTA Council President	Aaron Lenart, Fire Dept
William DeClerck, Student Council	Eve Larsen, Student Council
Kelly Frindt, PTA	Ava Meredith, Student Council
Jenny Saab, PTA	Brian Gergely, RRHS Asst. Principal
Lindsay Barbicas, PTA	Lori Brant, Booster Co-President
Lynne Eversman, medical professional	Meghan Hazra, medical professional
George Eversman, medical professional	William Blough, RREF President
Megan Alexander, PTA	Robert Hazeldine, Union President
Margie Hackett, PTA	

Purpose

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to create a plan that the Rocky River City School District can present to the County Board of Health and Board of Education for reopening the school district in the Fall of 2020.

Re-Opening Guidance

Dr. Shoaf shared information from:

- State of Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines
- Review RRCSD draft re-opening plans
 - Green model
 - Option A (all students in-person and in-building 5 days/week with safety protocols)
 - Option B (remote learning option available to families who choose not to send their student back to school for health and safety reasons)
 - Yellow model
 - Option A (50% of students attend in AM; 50% of students attend in PM); safety protocols in place; online remote independent work when not in-person
 - Option B (remote learning option available to families who choose not to send their student back to school for health and safety reasons)
 - Red model
 - Buildings closed
 - All students at home daily with online remote learning
- Modification of school calendar for the first week
- Considerations for re-opening school
 - First week (Aug. 25-28) staff only
 - Students start Aug. 31
 - Open in yellow hybrid model
 - Would not shift models quickly unless ordered to shut down
 - Models will be revisited with the Board of Education in September to determine how and when to move into green model
- Board of Health shared that county levels are not to be used as a factor for school to be opened or closed; do not tie re-opening plans to county color system
- Follow-up with staff regarding back to school plans
- Transportation survey was very positive regarding families being able to transport their own students to school if possible to cut down on bus riders
- All day kindergarten will be cancelled for 2020-21 school year

Healthcare updates

Dr. Lynne Eversman shared:

- COVID is still a very dynamic situation
- Cases are currently increasing
- Cuyahoga is currently ranked the 2nd highest county in the state for positive COVID test results
- Mutated virus is spreading more easily; not more dangerous but more contagious
- World Health Organization says immunity may not be long-term
- Annual vaccine is a consideration
- Cases of it starting to show spreading among students
- Studies show kids spread infection less
- Other viruses causing fever in younger kids
- Recommends sending daily reminders to families to check symptoms prior to sending kids to school

- Check hand sanitizer for methanol which can be fatal
- Masks are highly important in stopping spread
 - Students must have 2 layers of stitched cloth
 - Bandanas are not sufficient
- Face shield mainly protects the individual, not others

Facilities updates

Mr. Gifford shared the following regarding facilities:

- Air sanitizing process:
 - Use combination of UV light and air purification process
 - Bring fresh air into building
 - Exhaust/dilute the current air

Breakout groups: consider what parameters qualify a transition between models

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- What is effectiveness of ½ day model
- Which model used will be driven by disease rate
- What is the threshold for transitioning to another model
- Students with fever and/or 2 symptoms should be tested
- Can building nurses send students to a local testing facility if they have symptoms

Ms. Anderson shared:

- The percentage of positive cases will determine if RRCSD moves between models
- Consider the social, emotional status of students; mental health of student, grades, etc.
- Consider the whole child

Mr. Gifford shared:

- Number of positive cases will determine shifting between models
- Need to establish a data point
- Should be a building by building decision
- What if all positive cases come from one family

Mr. Greg Murphy shared:

- Look at data on a daily/weekly basis
- Connect with surrounding communities; concern regarding athletic competition at other sites; other students coming to our facilities

Ms. Norman shared:

- Stability is highly important for kids
- Use our own metrics to determine a shift between models
- Prepare for teacher or student being diagnosed; how it impacts others; potential privacy issue

Ms. Anderson also shared:

1. RRCSD will have increased counseling services for the 2020-21 school year

2. If we are in the red model, there are new instructional guidelines; daily direct interaction with students in various forms; at the end of every day, extra help/office hours will be offered; grades will be updated regularly
3. All models will follow regular school protocols for example, if your student is off sick, parents/guardians must call attendance line
4. K-8 students who choose online remote learning will be offered core subjects; may not be able to offer specialized or honors classes because of staffing; when possible Rocky River teachers will deliver all lessons

Summary

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- Next Steering Committee meeting July 27, 2020 at 5pm; July 20th meeting is cancelled
- Steering Committee needs to develop a plan to be presented to Board of Health and Board of Education

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 27, 2020 (CLC Final Report of Recommendations/Plans)

Monday, August 3, 2020 (Review of CLC Final Report of Recommendations/Plans)

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 5 pm, RRCSD Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting