



Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees:

Michael Shoaf, Superintendent	Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Norman, Executive Director	Sam Gifford, 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
Brian Gergely, RRHS Asst. Principal	Mark Wagner, Athletics/Activities

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
Leslie Rossi, Executive Secretary	Christopher Camp, School Resource Officer
Aaron Lenart, Fire Dept	Ella Nejad, Student Council
George Eversman, medical professional	Lynne Eversman, medical professional
Jenny Saab, PTA	Lindsay Barbicas, PTA
Lori Brant, Booster Co-President	Mandy Smith, PTA
Margie Hackett, PTA	Megan Alexander, PTA
Meghan Hazra, medical professional	Michael Coyne, Saber Health Group

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.

Healthcare updates

Drs. Lynne and George Eversman shared:

- Cuyahoga County currently has more than 11,000 positive cases
- Percentage of positive cases are increasing
- Healthcare facilities are starting to max out on test availability
- Not easy for anyone to get tested

- Dogs may be able to sense COVID19; testing is ongoing
- Health Department lumps kids aged 0-19 years old together; does not separate further by age
- 10-19 year old students appear to spread virus as much as an adult
- No confirmed cases of individuals being infected more than once
- Contagious 24-48 hours before showing symptoms; 9-10 day max for quarantine
- 44% of positive cases are caused by those who are asymptomatic
- Most infected by a high viral load; not a small amount of virus droplets

Dr. Lynne Eversman expressed concern regarding Athletics & Activities causing a spread at school. Interaction with other school districts is concerning. Must have a plan in place if there is an outbreak. Be proactive.

Re-Opening Guidance

Dr. Shoaf shared information regarding the three models of re-opening:

- 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 with daily online remote learning

Building Subcommittee Reports

The County Board of Health will not approve back to school plans. They will review and give guidance to schools.

- RRECC/GPS subcommittee:
 - RRECC (Tara Zbin)
 - Preschool will not have peers at this time; only students who qualify for services
 - Preschool classes will have no more than 9 students per classroom
 - Visitors will be limited; virtual presentations for storytime, etc.
 - Preschool will utilize larger meeting spaces when needed for spacing
 - GPS (Carol Rosiak)
 - There was not a consensus within the committee about students wearing masks however, the school will require students to wear masks unless there are extenuating circumstances
 - Drop off/pick up for buses and parents/guardians has been adjusted
 - Buses will drop off in front of the building
 - Parents will drop off on one side/pick up on the other
 - Students will be taken to their car; parents/guardians will not exit their cars
 - Students will go directly to their classroom
 - 'Sit Spot' stickers will be displayed for social distancing
 - Students will have their own desk every day; morning and afternoon students have separate desks; desk will be clearly marked

- Only 3 students in the bathroom at a time
 - Approved hand sanitizer throughout the buildings
 - Many hand washing stations throughout the buildings
- KIS (Todd Murphy)
 - Similar protocols as GPS
 - Mask breaks will be offered throughout the day
 - Social/emotional well-being of students will be a priority
 - Seating/alternating desks similar to GPS
 - Aug 26-28 for staff training
 - Students will report directly to classrooms; no congregating
 - Parents will be able to drop off supplies and see safety measures/protocols that have been implemented
- Middle School (Megan Rose)
 - Face masks required
 - AM/PM schedule
 - AM/PM alphabetical split
 - Desks clearly marked; students will occupy their own desk
 - Courses taught in person and online
 - Limit shared supplies
 - Lockers will not be utilized
 - Cell phones to be kept in backpacks
 - Considerations regarding attendance; students may use illness to not attend school
 - All accommodations will be implemented for students on IEPs
 - Minimize groups throughout building
 - Face-shields will be utilized when appropriate
 - Limited locker room usage
 - Will give building access to new 6th grade students and new families prior to the start of school
 - No congregating before/after school
- High School (Rob Winton)
 - Will utilize similar protocols as other buildings
 - AM/PM alphabetical split
 - Use larger spaces when available/necessary
- Athletics/Activities
 - Activities (marching band, vocal, drama, clubs):
 - Identified rooms that can be used to breakup groups for social distancing
 - Students will need to bring their own water/drinks; no community water will be offered
 - Will utilize an alternate uniform (polo shirt/khaki pants) that can be cleaned at home
 - Additional bleachers will be utilized for social distancing at home games
 - Will stream events if in-person not an option
 - Athletics:
 - Online ticketing
 - Locker rooms will be used in shifts
 - Video of proper sanitization protocols for coaches and athletes
- Facilities/Nutrition Services/Transportation (Sam Gifford)

- Air filtration/UV lights through district
- Buses will have plexiglass and sanitization protocols in place
- Food service for yellow and green models will offer a box lunch/grab and go
- Instruction
 - Liz Anderson shared:
 - Specials will be offered at home for K-5 in yellow hybrid model
 - K-5 online classes will mirror in-person instruction
 - Classes will be clustered by grade level
 - If a student needs to move to online, they may not have the same teachers depending on the situation
 - World language classes will be offered in person at Middle School
 - Teachers will utilize Zoom and Google Classroom for online classes
 - Rocky River teachers will teach online classes
 - When cameras are used in the classrooms they will face forward; will not face the class
 - There will be one teacher per classroom to cut down on overload (K-5)
 - Teachers will stream and post the lesson
 - Honors classes will be offered online
 - In high school, not every course will have an online option
 - There will be online classes offered in every subject area to satisfy graduation requirements
 - All AP courses will be offered online
 - Will continue partnership with TriC
 - Students needing to quarantine will easily be able to transition to online
 - Student absences will be treated as they normally are
 - Jennifer Norman shared:
 - YMCA will offer day camp services to students that are opposite of their school AM/PM hours
 - Afterschool care will be offered but not before school care
 - Registration will be limited

Breakout groups: what are the likes/dislikes among subcommittees

Ms. Anderson shared that her group was encouraged by:

- Instructional offerings
- Pick up/drop off plans
- Mask requirements

Mr. Gifford's group shared:

- Principals plans were straightforward and easy to follow for students/staff
- Plans will lower anxiety for better social/emotional health
- Liked the safety and school security plans

Mr. Winton's group had similar thoughts to previous two groups.

Dr. Eversman reiterated the safety and effectiveness of masks. Kids tolerate masks better than adults. Interested in teacher feedback.

Ms. Norman's group liked:

- The plans put forward
- Technology concerns were addressed/resolved
- Families with younger students would like to extend hybrid
- Families with older students may want to shorten hybrid schedule

Summary

Dr. Shoaf will share and discuss plans and Steering Committee information with BOE at a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 29th at 5:00 p.m. Plans to share with parents/guardians next week.

Upcoming Meetings

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