



Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees:

Michael Shoaf, Superintendent	Elizabeth Anderson, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Gifford, Executive Director	Jennifer Norman, Executive Director
Greg Murphy, Communications Director	Bryan Drost, Technology Director
Rob Winton, RRHS Principal	Addie Olander, BOE Representative
Brian Gergely, RRHS Asst. Principal	Ruth Beach, BOE Representative
Megan Rose, RRMS Principal	Mark Wagner, Athletics/Activities Director
Todd Murphy, KIS Principal	Jeff Schultz, RRMS Asst. Principal
Tara Zbin, RRECC Principal	Heath Horton, RRHS Asst. Principal
Lori Brant, Booster Co-President	Meghan Hazra
Dave Opdycke, Union President	Tina Wasserbauer, Food Services Supervisor
Lynne Eversman, medical professional	Jenny Saab, PTA
Mandy Smith, PTA	Kelly Frindt, PTA
Margie Hackett, PTA	Lindsay Barbicas, PTA
Leslie Rossi, Executive Secretary	Megan Alexander, 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.

Healthcare updates

Dr. Lynne Eversman shared:

- Ohio, the U.S. and Europe are setting record highs.
- Kids testing positive has decreased from 15% to 12%.
- Pandemic fatigue worrisome as we enter fall/winter seasons.
- Recent evidence showed the virus lasting long term on some surfaces.
- Case of individual being infected twice; virus mutated.
- Type O blood is less susceptible.
- Medical community is learning more about best practices/treatments.

- Vitamins (Zinc, D, and melatonin) help boost immunity
- Medical community recommends testing kids for even minor symptoms
- Conjunctivitis is a common indicator of COVID19
- Testing turnaround is improving

RRCS Updates

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- RRCS D has been in hybrid mode since September 28th.
- Because Cuyahoga County's numbers have increased lately, Rocky River will remain in hybrid.
- RRCS D has not been a source of spread and is continuing to seek regular guidance from the board of health; some staff and students have tested positive and have quarantined. Rr 20/20 Vision website is updated regularly with new cases.
- Regularly requests risk level rating from board of health specific to Rocky River however, board of health will not separate community from county.
- Asked CCBH to seek best practices from other counties
- Upgraded HVAC systems will be complete by November 1st.
- Parents/guardians seeking improved hybrid model for 6th-12th in particular.
- Hybrid model may be adjusted to increase class time.

Breakout groups to discuss:

1. Likes/dislike about the hybrid model thus far; would extending class time be helpful.
2. Input about staying in current model as county's positivity rates fluctuate.
3. If RRCS D opens in full how comfortable are you sending students; what else would you like to see implemented.

Dr. Shoaf's group shared:

- Students/staff happy to be back
- Some students reported being bored at school; students feeling rushed, missed assignments/information that was only shared briefly
- More class time would be highly beneficial
- If Rocky River is fairing better than county, would like to continue in current model
- Continue to gather feedback from schools that are open
- Cautious approach is better

Ms. Anderson's group shared:

- Hybrid schedule was based on wanting daily contact with students
- More time in small groups would be beneficial
- Rocky River staying in current model as long as we are not spreading is preferred; flip flopping between models is a stressor
- Hesitation opening in full
- AP classes are not getting equivalent time compared with other districts

Mrs. Zbin's group shared:

- Liked idea of getting more class time
- Prefer students attending daily instead of every other day
- Questioned where the extra class time would come from

- Comfortable opening in green model only if county is in yellow/orange stage

Dr. Shoaf clarified that extra class time would be allotted due to an adjusted cleaning schedule in the middle of the day.

Discussion about the administration setting an opening goal date was varied. Setting a date to open in green may backfire and be difficult for families who are planning around that date. Others felt it would be helpful for families to know that the district is striving toward a specific opening date.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, November 16, 2020, 5 pm, Rr 20/20 Vision Committee Meeting