



Meeting Minutes
June 29, 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	Tim DelVecchio, OSC Security Consultant
William Blough, RREF President	Aaron Lenart, Fire Dept
Ella Nejad, Student Council	Eve Larsen, Student Council
Julia Gutia, Student Council	Ava Meredith, Student Council
Jenny Saab, PTA	Kelly Frindt, PTA
Lindsay Barbicas, PTA	Lori Brant, Booster Co-President
Lynne Eversman, medical professional	Meghan Hazra, medical professional
George Eversman, medical professional	Megan Alexander, PTA
Margie Hackett, PTA	Dave Opdycke, Union President
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.

Re-Opening Guidance

Dr. Shoaf shared information from:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Big 8 + Health & Safety Coalition
- Warren County/Lebanon City School District Essential Questions

Information Sharing

Process if a student tests positive:

- Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) notifies school district of confirmed COVID19 test.
- CCBH will trace COVID19 cases.
- CCBH will rarely close a building due to COVID19/illness (recommend cleaning).
- CCBH will post (<https://www.ccbh.net/>) information divided into age groups who test positive.

Reopening Schools/Guidelines

- Governor DeWine will provide re-opening guidelines to County Boards of Health for schools.
- CCBH interprets guidelines from Governor DeWine and then provides guidelines to schools.
- CCBH not accepting re-opening plans from schools until guidelines have been established.
- District re-opening plans have to be approved by the CCBH.

Facilities Upgrades

Mr. Gifford shared the following regarding facilities:

- Hand sanitizer dispensers:
 - In every classroom in every building
 - In every educational space
 - On every bus
- Sneeze guards in the front office of each building
- Students will clean chairs/desks after each use
- Hands-free bottle fillers in every building
- Hands-free flushers in all locker rooms, bathrooms
- Hands-free light switches throughout buildings
- Sanitizing protocol instructions posted in every building
- Electrostatic disinfection once a week
- Clorox 360 every 3 days
- Full supply of masks, gloves and face guards for staff
- Scheduled to have full supply of masks, gloves and face guards for students by opening of school
- Signage protocol for wearing masks/gloves at each building posted throughout the district
- Check-in stations in every building will have:
 - Health survey
 - Temperature scanner
- Sneeze guards will be on every bus
- Hand washing reminder signs in every bathroom
- Turf at HS field will be disinfected regularly
- RRCS MERV rating (sanitization of air) improved from 10 to 13

Tim DelVecchio shared:

- RRCS is one of only 14 Ohio districts that are actively planning the re-opening of schools

- Rocky River is leading the way with re-opening plans
- Hand sanitizer on buses is very important

Healthcare updates

Dr. Lynne Eversman shared:

- 6% of COVID cases are pediatric; 90% of those are mild
- Cases are typically from family clusters

Problematic Issues:

- Getting tested
- Healthcare facilities not typically testing children under 18 unless showing severe symptoms
- False negatives
- Testing too early
- Antibodies are not a guarantee
- Don't know how long antibodies last
- Mutation occurring

How Virus Is Spreading:

- Primarily through air particles
- Not typically spread through brief encounters; 10-15 minutes interactions
- Static groups at school important
- Masks highly important particularly if students are not in static groups
- Ventilation highly important, don't close doors, keep window open if possible
- Limit visitors at buildings

Question – Is a negative test required prior to returning to school?

- Dr. Lynne Eversman suggested that the school require a medical release from the doctor for student to return to school.

Communication

Mr. Greg Murphy shared:

- 1st communication regarding school re-opening sent to families
- 20/20 Vision website:
 - Platform to communicate with students/families
 - Will be live within 1-2 weeks
 - Question & Answer section
 - Helpful tips
 - Links and research
 - District plans

Breakout Groups Concerns/Ideas

Mr. Gifford shared:

- Find a way to mitigate the risk of infection
- Flexibility of 4-6 feet of distance with mask helps social distancing at school
- Share information in multiple languages
- Tech safety
- Training videos for students, staff, etc.
- Focus on the whole child with respect to anxiety and depression associated with virus

Mr. Greg Murphy shared:

- Social, emotional growth of students, particularly young students just beginning school
- Safety that is practical and realistic
- Preschool, kindergarten distancing is more important (younger students shed more)
- Band, choir, etc. will have to find other spaces for distancing
- Students who can get to school without utilizing a bus should be encouraged to do so

Ms. Beach shared:

- Preschool
 - Importance of cohort classes
 - Using outdoor spaces more
 - Limiting parent volunteers
- Teachers of younger students using face shields so students can see their faces
- HS lunch option still viable
- Possibility of switching lunch and recess

Ms. Olander shared:

- Share sanitizing updates with parents
- Remind parents regularly that COVID information is always evolving
- Share the science behinds the masks for better understanding

Mr. Winton shared:

- 3-6 ft. distance with masks is more manageable at school
- Security concerns with doors propped open
- Need to continue extra-curricular activities, very important part of high school
- Scheduling issues

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- Emphasize/share with families:
 - the importance of masks at school and on buses
 - safety measures that are already in place throughout the district
 - dynamic situation, information is continuously being updated
 - still learning new information
- If a student shows symptoms at school, a quarantine area in each building will be established

Summary

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- Next Steering Committee meeting July 20, 2020
- Subcommittees will meet throughout the week
- Subcommittees will submit reports to Steering Committee prior to July 20th
- Steering Committee needs to develop a plan by July 27th
- Steering Committee will share final plan with Board of Health for approval
- If necessary for health and safety concerns, the district will push back the first day of school
- Need to continue to be flexible and make modifications as we learn new information

Good of the Order

Kelly Frindt inquired about all day kindergarten refunds if re-opening plans are not finalized by August 1st. Dr. Shoaf shared that refunds will be issued if all day kindergarten is not an option in re-opening plans.

Mandy Smith inquired about PTA donations for homecoming.

Dr. Shoaf suggested PTA continue to acquire donations in the event homecoming continues as normal.

The governor will need to implement an order permitting mass gatherings. Homecoming parade will need to be addressed if mass gatherings are not permitted at that time.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 20, 2020 (building subcommittees – final report of recommendations/plans)

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, RRCS Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting