



Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2020

Location: Zoom meeting

**Attendees:**

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| Michael Shoaf, Superintendent             | Jennifer Norman, Executive Director        |
| Sam Gifford, Executive Director           | Bryan Drost, Technology Director           |
| Greg Murphy, Communications Director      | 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    |
| Lori Brant, Booster Co-President          | Tina Wasserbauer, Food Services Supervisor |
| Dave Opdycke, Union President             | Robert Hazeldine, Union President          |
| Christopher Camp, School Resource Officer | Jenny Saab, PTA                            |
| Lynne Eversman, medical professional      | Bill Blough, RREF President                |
| Mandy Smith, PTA                          | Lindsay Barbicas, PTA                      |
| Margie Hackett, PTA                       | Megan Alexander, PTA                       |
| Kelly Frindt, PTA                         | Aaron Lenart, Fire Dept                    |
| Leslie Rossi, Executive Secretary         |  |

**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:

- World Health Organization's latest numbers.
- Number are grossly underestimated because of insufficient testing and inaccurate testing.
- Young people are not immune to severe disease; COVID can have long-term effects on the heart and brain.

- Like other viruses, you are infectious 2-3 days prior to symptoms appearing as well as 2-3 days after symptoms disappear.
- New saliva test is cheaper and quicker; colleges are using more often.
- Russia vaccine does not appear to be safe or effective.
- U.S. has 7 vaccines in stage 3.
- Will have good data regarding the vaccines by the end of the year.
- Vitamin D is recommended to help combat COVID.
- Rates will continue to fluctuate.

### **Re-Opening Guidance**

Dr. Shoaf shared:

- RRCSD will move from red (remote learning) to the yellow (hybrid) model on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- When/if we move to the green model we will be at 3' not 6'; focusing on clearing unnecessary items out of classrooms to create more distance.
- Will share updates from Board of Health and Governor's office regularly.
- Not all buildings have A/C; air circulation is highly important.
- HVAC updates, improved MERV rating.
- Hybrid model alphabet decision was based on the most balanced day (50% in the morning; 50% in the afternoon).
- Green model will be a shorter than normal day to continue to provide distance learning.

### **Breakout groups to discuss:**

1. How is remote instruction thus far?
2. Questions/concerns regarding hybrid instruction

Dr. Shoaf's group shared:

- Comfortable with hybrid plan as presented.
- Much happier with remote learning as compared to Spring remote learning.
- When/if we move to green (open) model need to be cognizant of distancing as much as possible and potential outbreaks from holidays.

Mr. Murphy's group shared:

- Positive feedback about the hybrid model, good first step.
- Looking to see what happens at districts that have already opened.
- Remote learning was much improved from the Spring.
- Opening in full will benefit students struggling socially/emotionally/academically.

Mr. Gifford's group shared:

- Hopeful and positive about hybrid plan.
- Concerned about high school students being done by 10:50 a.m.
- Remote learning was much improved.
- Opening in green model will be data driven.

Ms. Norman's group shared:

- Excited about opening in hybrid.

- Remote model has been infinitely better than the Spring.
- Positive feedback regarding mandatory zoom times, office hours and ending the day earlier so students can get outside.
- Looking forward to opening in full, more time together.
- Trepidation regarding lunch and other unknowns.

Mr. Winton's group shared:

- Many of the same sentiments as other groups.
- Would like more breaks during remote learning particularly for younger students.

### **Questions/Comments/Concerns**

- Have there been any positive cases in Activities/Athletics?
  - Not at this time; family members have been positive and students quarantined.
- What is the process for reporting?
  - Encourage parents to call school principal or attendance line.
  - RRCS D will call Board of Health to report; they will do the contact tracing.
- Dr. Shoaf will try not to move between models quickly; will give families as much time as possible to prepare.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, October 19, 2020, 5 pm, Rr 20/20 Vision Committee Meeting.