

## **Reopening Task Force Committee Notes**

**June 19, 2020 10 AM - 11 AM**

**Attendees (48):** Rick Harris, Paul LaMarca, Adam Searcy, Serena Robb, Ben Hayes, David Hartshorn, David White, Jeff Foss, Denise Paxton, Dina Ciaramella, Eddie (Ray) Hirschman, , Irene Payne, Joe Maez, Jason Trevino, Jeff Brasel, Joelle Gutman Dodson, Joe Maez, Joseph Sullivan, Katherine Loudon, Kellie Carney, Kindra Fox, Lana Ball, Laura Hutchinson, Laurel Iinuma, Laurel Kerr's, Leslie Allfree, Lianka Soliz, Mari Hartmann, Mark Mathers, Mathew Ochs, Maureen Wander, Max Coopes, Melissa Gillis, Natha Anderson, Peter Etchart, Prim Walters, Roy Anderson, Ruby Burnley, Scott Lee, Sharon Kennedy, Tami Goulden, Tom Stauss, Trish Shaffer, Veronica Thompson, Victoria Campbell, Virginia Doran

Notetaker: America Gillespie

### **Welcome and Agenda Review:**

Rick Harris briefly went over agenda items, there were no suggested changes to agenda from the committee.

Serena Robb asked what date the surveys closes. Paul LaMarca responded that it closes on June 29, 2020. Serena confirmed that nothing can be acted on until the survey closes. Paul LaMarca responded that some things can be acted on, but as far as the learning modular, we do need to wait for the survey results.

Paul LaMarca stated it will be a very informative meeting on July 7, 2020 and the Board of Trustees will have an opportunity to review all the data prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> and Ben Hayes will be doing a presentation as part of the reopening presentation.

Laura Hutchinson asked if there were some paper surveys or other formats for parents and others to respond to survey that did not have access to electronic version. Ben responded that anyone we did not have an address for which was about 5,000 people they mailed a paper survey to. Ben stated this week and next week we will be going to food bank distribution sites to hand out paper survey and have some other outreach they are working on.

Joe Maez discussed trends he pulled from survey – seemed three priorities seem to be hand sanitizing; parents were looking for supervised hand washing probably for younger kids and temperature screening. Parents were trusting in school district to educate staff on CDC guidelines and to do the right thing in order to send their kids back to school.

Veronica Thompson noticed that less than 5% of the parents and the students stated that they were going to stay home. Asked if there was surprise that there was not a higher number of

people that wanted to stay and home school their kids next school year. Rick Harris stated that he was not surprised as they have been getting overwhelmed with requests from parents for physical presence. Paul LaMarca stated he was surprised the question in regard to coming back without a vaccine by teachers was not more than the 7%.

Rick Harris asked if anyone else had trouble with question 7, no one else had an issue and Rick said he would send to Virginia Doran again as she seemed to be the only one who had an issue.

Natha Anderson discussed frustration she heard from Tuesday's meeting (6/16/20) and that she feels as well that decisions that need to be made and knows decisions need to be made by the Board of Trustees, and with the survey not closing until the 29<sup>th</sup> leaves a lot of things out of our hands and would like if this task force and if it is appropriate of the task force to ask the school board to have a special meeting to only discuss the COVID-19 reopening elements that need to be decided quicker rather than later. As this is a Board of Trustees task force and she leaves meeting with mind racing with what if situations as opposed to being able to make decisions.

Paul LaMarca stated that this task force is not actually a Board of Trustees task force, but rather a task force or arm of the Superintendent. Paul did believe it is more than appropriate to voice concern with Superintendent and COVID group and the opportunity to do that is going to be very limited. May be asking for a special third meeting in July to talk about reopening. More than willing to bring to the Superintendent then it would be up to her to take to the Board President. Rick Harris stated they had a meeting today and could discuss with the Superintendent.

Rick Harris asked if Ben Hayes had anything further on the surveys. Ben Hays stated that the surveys would close on the 26<sup>th</sup> and would be happy to give results with the reminder with respect to respondents that there are open ended questions and would like to have more time to analyze those first, but will have more of a numerical analysis to share which would only save one or two days.

Prim Walters asked if there is anything we can do to help with the uneasiness people are feeling. Prim requested that the district consider sending out a communication to help ease people's minds. Irene Payne responded that was something we could do and would need to think about the messaging. Prim stated that her subcommittee is ready to go with whatever decision is made, they have discussed the pros and cons of each situation and just need a decision made to move forward. Prim believes it is important to let people know they are prepared and are ready to support principals, teachers, communities and families with any decision that is made.

Rick Harris asked if everyone saw the signs and if there were any questions and stated that Irene and her team did an outstanding job on them and asked if anyone had questions on them. Irene Payne spoke about the WCSD signs for departments and schools in regard to – no entry, social distancing, and washing hands. They are available to staff to download and print as needed, they are located on reopening website. All signage is in English and Spanish.

Paul LaMarca stated on the Board of Trustees agenda item that once the power point was done and loaded to board docs, he would share with group.

Rick Harris asked anyone interested in being on District Office Guidelines sub-committee to please email him. This would be a quick turn around committee and Adam has already done a lot of great work on it. The end result will be a document to guide staff for returning to central office spaces. Adam Searcy stated the focus has been around bringing staff and students back to buildings and office environment. A lot of this is common sense.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Prim had nothing new, just reiterated ready to go with whatever decision is made.

Leslie Allfree – (Screening) ready for what options/layers to make on health and safety once decision is made. Looked at screening, signage, contact surfaces, employee training, and possible contract tracing as needed and working with health department. She stated a multi-layered approach will work best and most practical from self-screening from students, staff and parents before coming to school, hand washing being the top priority, hand sanitizing and quick wipe down of high touch areas, face shield and face coverings. The committee has participated in a mass screening presentation for temperature checks. Temperatures can be affected by a number of factors. Further research and discussions are needed. Rick Harris stated he knows that Margaret had been doing additional research and reaching out to people and she was asked to work closely with Leslie's committee. Leslie stated that Margaret and student health are on the same page and will present the most feasible options.

Dr. Max Coppes stated he would be getting an email this afternoon from Dr. Sarah Healy, the infectious disease Doctor. He stated that the face shields are more favorable than he initially thought. He has not looked specifically at mass screening but will follow up with her on that as there has been some studies that taking temperatures has not been as helpful as previously thought. Most school districts are wanting to open sooner than later with the thought that in October and September there is a risk with the flu.

Irene Payne brought up the pros and cons of temperature taking and it is a high priority from parents. If we choose not to do temperature screening, we will need to articulate with great importance why we are not doing it.

Laura Hutchinson (Vulnerable Populations) will have recommendation scenarios for populations next week. They have facilitated a survey of their own and will have results next week.

Roy Anderson put final recommendations for cloth-covered masks which they have been testing. We are starting to receive some items. Adam has been working with Julie in warehouse on housing the items, we have received 26 palettes of paper towels with 30 more on the way.

Katherine Loudon discussed a subcommittee with Stacey Ting who is the co-chair. The new subcommittee is a take-off from the vulnerable community committee. Uniting together departments such as Equity and Diversity, Social Emotional Learning, Family-School Partnerships and Psychology, Counseling and Social Workers for action orientated committee for trauma and coming up with things that will be useful to our schools and to our families. Katherine asked if anyone was interested in being a part of this to please email her. Stacey Ting stated she was appreciative of being on the committee and a part of the decision making.

Rick Harris asked if there was anything else. Paul LaMarca thanked Katherine and Stacey for doing the committee as we may have been underappreciating value of students that have been living with conflict and food insecurity. We know many families have been hit hard and many kids already living in complex trauma and this has only added to the situation. Paul reiterated a comment Matthew Ochs made in previous meeting that starting sooner is more critical because so much needs to go into building relationships with students, especially if we have to go out on distance learning.

Natha Anderson said she appreciated what Paul said because she is uncertain how counselors and school principals will make a master schedule in 20 days.

The next Reopening Meeting is on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 10 AM**, please send any agenda items to Paul LaMarca and Rick Harris. Thank you.