

## **Reopening Task Force Committee Notes**

**June 23, 2020: 10:00am – 11:00am**

**Attendees (50):** Rick Harris, Paul LaMarca, Roy Anderson, Natha Anderson, Tom Stauss, Lianka Soliz, Veronica Thompson, Scott Lee, Mark Mathers, Pete Etchart, Leslie Allfree, Samantha Fredrickson, David Hartshorn, Ruby Burnley, Denise Paxton, Katherine Loudon, Prim Walters, Lana Ball, Dina Ciaramella, Adam Searcy, Rick Martin, Christopher Pilat, Joseph Maez, Maureen Wander, Laura Inuma, Kindra Fox, Serena Robb, Sara Montalvo, Trish Shaffer, Troy Parks, Tracy Moore, Tiffany Young, Kiemmy Boc, Irene Payne, Tami Goulden-Bosco, Susan Kettler, David White, Sharon Kennedy, Laurel Kerr, Virginia Doran, Jeff Foss, Ann Silver, Kellie Carney, Vickie Campbell, Stacey Ting, Sara Healy, Joelle Gutman-Dodson, Joseph Sullivan and Erika Ryst.

Notetaker: Jen Caldwell

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

### **Board PowerPoint Presentation:**

Paul LaMarca went over the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented to the WCSD Board of Trustees at their regularly scheduled meeting later this evening, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and then took comments/questions from the committee members.

Tom Stauss asked about contract implications around Professional Development for Distance Learning. Paul stated that the PD is not meant to extend any contract time for teachers. Emily Ellison also commented by saying that there is no intention to have teachers replicate a regular school day and a Distance Learning day. Paul finished by stating that we need to prepare for intermittent shutdowns as well as all other options we may face.

Sharon Kennedy asked for clarification on the Facility Use slide – it was determined that a word was left off the slide “...required to cover costs.” Paul and Rick will get that corrected before the presentation tonight.

Ann Silver asked if “Summer Programming” pertained to the time period of July 7 – August 10. Paul LaMarca clarified that yes, it refers to the time before the 2020-21 school year begins.

Paul LaMarca briefly discussed the Decisions Matrix, which will also be presented at the Board meeting later today and most likely again at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as we gather more information. In addition, Paul mentioned the Fresno School District presentation that was shared with the full group, and stated that we might be using something very similar to this for our July 7<sup>th</sup> Board presentation.

### **Report out by subcommittees:**

Prim Walters stated that the **Models Pros/Cons subcommittee** will be meeting again on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and continue to review all of the various pros/cons of each model.

Leslie Allfree reported on the **Screening subcommittee**. The number one issue that they are focusing on right now is mass temperature screening. They have been receiving guidance from local physicians as well as the Washoe County Health Department – preliminary survey data has indicated that parents are in favor of temperature checks. Leslie commented that it comes down to science vs. emotions, but that the bottom line is this – if WCSD pursues mass temperature screening, we will need to do so in a way where we can execute it safely.

Joe Maez asked if “mass temperature screening” refers to the handheld devices. Leslie clarified that she is referring to the large camera devices that have the capability of capturing multiple people’s temperatures simultaneously. Joe also asked about hiring Aides to monitor temperatures, however, this poses a cost issue.

Leslie Allfree shared a document with the committee “Health Safety Measures at School” tool. Discussion took place, specifically around the importance of self-screening prior to the school day starting. Dr. White commented on the importance of parents doing their part before sending students to school, that this process will need to be a combined effort between families and schools.

Paul LaMarca talked about the very important messaging that needs to take place moving forward, specifically around the district’s plans for: when a student/staff needs to stay home, what treatment in the school setting looks like, Inclusion, Contact Tracing and requirements for returning to school safely.

Tiffany Young asked if we know the total number of COVID cases throughout WCSD to-date. Emily Ellison stated that she is only aware of 5 or less cases. Paul LaMarca reiterated that Nevada as a whole is on the rise with reported COVID cases and stressed the importance of not moving too fast.

Roy Anderson spoke on behalf of the **PPE subcommittee**. This group met earlier today (6/23) and decided to pre-authorize a change to a previous order of 100,000 cloth face coverings. They have looked into face shields a bit more and have decided that they could be better off ordering only 80,000 cloth face coverings and ordering 20,000 additional face shields. Some discussion took place around testing the face shields, however, Mark Mathers stated that we are getting down to the wire with ordering supplies and encouraged the group to move forward with placing the order rather than using any more time toward testing. Roy will send both Paul LaMarca and Rick Harris a formal request to make the change.

Irene Payne commented to the group on the importance of deciphering criteria – who gets face coverings vs. who gets face shields. It will be important to be clear around this decision. Paul LaMarca asked that someone from the Vulnerable Populations subcommittee look into this, Tiffany Young agreed to do so. In the meantime, Leslie Allfree expressed that initial thoughts are that teachers would receive facial coverings first, followed by individuals with either health or learning issues and lastly younger students (ie: elementary students that learn better from seeing facial expression).

Katherine Loudon spoke on behalf of the newly developed **Mental Wellness subcommittee**. She stated that the committee is working with both internal and external stakeholders and gathering a lot of very important information on mental health as well as research on trauma and recovery. Paul LaMarca then introduced Dr. Erika Ryst to the group, she is our newest committee member – she is a child/adolescent psychiatrist who is on the faculty of the UNR Medical School and will be a great addition to our team!

#### **Other Issues:**

Prim Walters shared with the committee that she is still very concerned about the dynamics at the elementary level when it comes to plexiglass vs. face shields – tables vs. individual desks, etc.

Paul LaMarca and Rick Harris ended the meeting by reminding everyone about the Board meeting at 2pm and encouraged everyone to watch it livestreamed if available to do so.

The next Recovery Meeting will be on **Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:00am**. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to Rick Harris or Paul LaMarca. Thank you.