

Reopening Task Force Committee Notes

June 30, 2020: 10:00am – 11:00am

Attendees: Rick Harris, Paul LaMarca, Debbie Biersdorff, Samantha Fredrickson, Laura Hutchinson, Leslie Allfree, Natha Anderson, Ben Hayes, Irene Payne, Dina Ciaramella, Erika Ryst, Joe Maez, Jim Verdi, Kellie Carney, Kiemmy Boc, Lana Bell, Laurel Inuma, Laurel Kerr, Jackie James, Lianka Soliz, Margaret Allen, Mark Mathers, Maureen Wander, Max Coppes, Melissa Gillis, Rick Martin, Roy Anderson, Adam Searcy, Katherine Loudon, Ann Silver, Sharon Kennedy, Tiffany Young, Tom Stauss, Stacey Ting, Tami Goulden, David White, Denise Paxton, Emily Ellison, Jason Trevino, Jim Verdi, Joseph Sullivan, Kellie Carney, Prim Walters, Kindra Fox, Ruby Burnley, Sara Healy, Scott Lee, Serena Robb, Trish Shaffer, Veronica Thompson, Virginia Doran

Notetaker: Jen Caldwell

Welcome and Agenda Review:

There were no suggested changes to the agenda.

July 7th BOT Meeting:

Paul LaMarca went through the draft PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on July 7th. Per Superintendent Kristen McNeill, the committee was asked to provide feedback to Paul and/or Rick Harris.

The Elementary, Middle and High School Learning Models were discussed in length. Paul LaMarca stated that none of the decisions made have come easily and that there are risks associated with each model; however, families and staff will need to learn to be flexible and adapt to the change.

Natha Anderson asked about music and EL classrooms and whether those will be used traditionally or as pull-out space. Paul and Debbie Biersdorff stated that those decisions have not been made, but that many of those logistics will be site-based decisions, considering spacing. Natha and Debbie will speak 1:1 after the meeting.

Paul LaMarca went over the budget implications of each model. The PowerPoint presentation was shared with the committee for further review.

Sharon Kennedy asked about employers mapping out their employee schedules to coordinate with their child's A/B school schedule. Denise Paxton asked if distance learning includes virtual

learning. Paul LaMarca stated that distance learning will be both synchronized and asynchronous.

Discussion took place around the hybrid teaching models: how will A/B groups be determined, who determines the groups, what will group B do while they are at home, how much additional teacher prep will the hybrid model cause, etc.

Debbie Biersdorff briefed the committee on possible options for elective courses with the A/B schedule and how those will configure.

Ann Silver asked how she can assist with messaging local businesses about the possible hybrid schedules and the impact it will have on their employees with children in the district. Paul LaMarca asked that Ann wait until after the July 7 Board Meeting, as there will be more answers and he can work with her on the messaging.

Prim Walters suggested that groups of principals and counselors get together and form a cohort to help each other get prepared and ready for the reopening of schools.

Paul LaMarca discussed how they will be recommending to the Board that 5 additional days of Professional Development get added to the beginning of the school year to assist teachers with the new changes that will be taking place. The additional 5 days has already been approved by the State Department of Education. These 5 days would be August 10-14, meaning the first day of school would be August 17th.

The PowerPoint will be finalized by end-of-business on July 2nd. At that time, the committee will be sent all the finalized documents for review.

Report out by Subcommittees:

There were no updates provided from the **Vulnerable Populations, Model Pros/Cons, Screening or PPE subcommittees.**

Katherine Loudon spoke on behalf of the **Mental Wellness subcommittee.** Their group met earlier today (6/30) and had 45 participants! The group got acclimated and went over their roles and goals for the subcommittee and created working plans.

Paul LaMarca closed the meeting by stating that this group has been working so diligently on how to open schools, and the Mental Wellness subcommittee will be extremely helpful working out the challenges we will face once the doors open. Rick Harris added that everyone has been a huge part in bringing great ideas together and together, we will make it all work.

Other Issues:

A reminder was given that there will not be a meeting on July 3rd, in observance of the holiday. The next Recovery Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10:00am**. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to Rick Harris or Paul LaMarca. Thank you.