

## **Reopening Task Force Committee Notes**

**July 10, 2020: 10:00am – 11:00am**

**Attendees:** Rick Harris, Jeff Brasel, Leslie Allfree, Natha Anderson, Serena Robb, Tom Stauss, Veronica Taylor, Virginia Doran, Adam Searcy, Chris Turner, David Hartshorn, Dina Ciaramella, Denise Paxton, Ray Hirschman, Erika Ryst, Irene Payne, Jackie James, Jason Trevino, Jeana, Jennifer Hodges, Jim Verdi, Joseph Sullivan, Joe Maez, Katherine Loudon, Kellie Carney, Kiemmy Boc, Kindra Fox, Lana Ball, Laura Hutchinson, Laurel Iinuma, Lianka Soliz, Matt Ochs, Prim Walters, Rick Martin, Jeff Foss, Roy Anderson, Ruby Burnley, Scott Lee, Sharon Kennedy, Tami Goulden, and Tiffany Young

Notetaker: Jen Caldwell

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

There were no suggested changes to the agenda.

### **Thank You:**

Rick Harris thanked everyone for all of their hard work and stated that it is now time for the execution and organization of the plans that we have developed thus far.

### **Implementation & Support (next two weeks):**

Rick stated that the work for reopening is not done, that there is still a lot to do ahead of us and would like to utilize the subcommittees moving forward in implementing those plans. He asked the group to be available to meet for the next two weeks, but only on Fridays. (Tuesday meetings will be canceled).

### **Report out and review DRAFTS – examples:**

Rick asked that moving forward, everyone includes “last revised date” on all documents created and updated so we can make certain we are using and working from the latest documents.

Leslie Allfree shared the Self-Screening Tool document with the group and a lot of conversation took place around that. Discussion around temperatures of children (100.4) and other symptoms by Jim Verdi, Jeff Brasel and Denise Paxton took place, specifically around the mention of “symptom free,” and defining those symptoms as well as differentiating them from other illness (asthma/allergies). They discussed the criteria around clearing a child to return to school and the literature distribution. Rick Harris stated that he would discuss any possible

changes to the document with LT and the COVID group and seek approval and get clarification of who/when the information will be distributed.

Veronica Thompson asked if this document would be the same that is distributed to families. Rick stated that we would be communicating and educating families early on but wasn't sure if this same document would be distributed. Leslie Allfree confirmed that the guiding document is appropriate for both employees and families.

Natha Anderson brought up a concern around the last line of the document which states to "contact your school nurse or Student Health Services...for specific questions." She fears that school nurses are already overworked and perhaps that line should only read "contact Student Health Services..."

Leslie Allfree mentioned that Emily Ellison along with Student Accounting are already having discussions around employee sick leave implications.

Joe Maez asked about students receiving testing for COVID – will they get tested, how will they receive information about getting tested? What are we doing for the families that do not have medical insurance or a health care provider? Rick stated that we have many school staff including counselors to assist families with these types of issues.

Tiffany Young asked if all materials would be translated into Spanish. Leslie Allfree confirmed that all materials would be translated. In addition, Tiffany mentioned that families can receive free COVID testing – she recommended that our district reach out to the Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) so they can assist in getting messaging out to our Refugee students/families as well. She will share the contact information with Rick.

Prim Walters asked if anyone is looking into the discipline issues that may arise when returning to school (ie: students refusing to wear masks, etc.) Rick Harris stated that Area Superintendents are working on these issues.

Matt Ochs asked how teachers would be notified of students that have been cleared of not wearing masks due to health conditions, etc. Leslie Allfree informed the group that they are creating the guidance for teachers/school staff – a document framing all of the specific guidelines is currently being created and will be communicated out to staff. Katherine Loudon added that Tami Goulden is also working on this, specifically to the students with a 504 plan.

Tom Stauss asked for an update on face coverings vs. face shields and whether staff who prefer shields will be receiving them? Adam Searcy replied by saying that the district has ordered shields, they are planning for these requests yet the specifics are still in progress.

Prim Walters asked how the schools should plan and prepare for an increase in students, after the initial numbers at the start of the school year, in case students return to in-person learning. Rick Harris stated that these decisions will go through the Area Superintendents after the Principal has reviewed the numbers.

Tom Stauss asked what the plans will be if we move into Phase 3. Rick replied that we all have to be ready either way, the situation could move in either direction (back to Phase 1 or to Phase 3) so we need to anticipate all possibilities. Rick also stated that IT is already working on getting devices ordered for students who will need them for distance learning. We are not waiting “until” things happen, but rather getting ready for all possible scenarios.

Joe Maez asked if the district plans to survey parents about transportation to see if more parents will be willing to transport their children to school rather than bussing them, to help with the transportation issues. Rick Martin and Jeff Brasel have been working on this already. Jeff stated that there are already a lot of controls in place and they feel the distancing models are safe. Jason Trevino commented on the additional traffic and congestion that will take place if more parents are driving their children to school and if we will be encouraging that, we should work with MJ Cloud, Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator, in order to get appropriate messaging out to families.

Rick Martin added that they have been working with RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) for additional supports to help minimize traffic, by providing secondary forms of transportation.

Jim Verdi commented that he and so many are receiving numerous questions daily and asked who is working on providing all the answers? Rick Harris stated that the Area Superintendents have been grouping the questions and each taking a group. Dina Ciaramella added that the Teaching & Learning Committee is also working on a lot of the questions.

Roy Anderson added that they have determined a larger need for hand sanitizer and disinfectant than originally ordered so the numbers will be increasing – the request has been approved already.

Sharon Kennedy ended the meeting by congratulating everyone on a job well-done with the board meeting and presentations.

### **Other Issues:**

Please email other issues/guidance tools that we need to work on to Rick.

The next Recovery Meeting will be on **Friday, July 17, 2020 at 10:00am**. If you have items for the agenda, please send them to Rick Harris or Paul LaMarca. Thank you.