



Reimagining and Reopening of School Committee
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
5 - 7 pm

Minutes

Present: Ron Drzewicki, Rick Brooks, Matt Stuard, Jan Alleman, Ted Berryhill, Mike Prelesnik, Kevin Dufresne, Angie Vandecar, Shana Barnum, Lance Delbridge, Kevin Jones, Kristin Higgins, Kevin Doty, Krista Voss, Laura Lange, Lily Brown, Lynn Goedert, Tonya Rigdon, Brian Martel, Mary Kay Gavitt, Christy Evans, Krista Sherman, Jen Sauser, AmySue Hopkins, Maria Juras, Kerrie Uphaus, Erin Etters, Michelle Faist, Michael Koot, Christopher Mumby, Beth Bousfield,

Also Present: Patrick O'Connor, Michael Kelly

Not Available: Cindy Hyaduck, Suzie West, Cheryl Wald, Liz Evans, Craig Kueffner, Greg Lattig, Nick Toodzio, Chris Salmon, Beth Bailey, Christie Surato, Nick Minnaar, Rachel Brander

Welcome

Ron welcomed and thanked the committee members for their time and feedback. Educating in a pandemic is a challenge. He appreciates everyone's commitment and time with the process.

Return to In-Person Phase-In Plan

Ron presented the district phase-in plan for in-person instruction. This Return to In-Person Phase-In Plan will be shared with the Board on Monday. Elementary students would return in a hybrid model on October 19th through January 25th. The distance learning option will be available for the entire 2020-21 school year. The timelines allow for transitions between in-person and distance learning. The health and safety factors will be reviewed prior to any final decisions.

The committee discussed the plan. January 25th was selected as a mid-year point for the possibility to transition to full time. Ron shared that this is contingent on the current phase and health metrics at that time. The start of in-person hybrid was established as a safe plan to allow for reducing density and provide social distancing. Elementary students have the option in January to remain with in-person or switch back to distance learning. The high school would be required to switch 6 weeks into the second trimester

from hybrid to full (4-5 days) in-person instruction. Lance Delbridge shared the process for balancing scheduling and determining staffing for hybrid and remote instruction. Additional time was requested by the high school team to accomplish the task. Brian Martel shared the importance of clear messaging to families for wearing masks and following the other established safety protocols.

Ron shared the mistartmap.info website. It's the tool the district is using as a guide. We are currently in phase 4 that allows for full in-person instruction. Ron reviewed the Ingham County Risk Levels from the mistartmap.info site.

Return to In-Person Registration emails and forms

The committee reviewed the communication and registration forms for each level.

Christopher Mumby shared the importance of providing additional support and instruction for special education students. He has found that these families are strong advocates for their children and have felt left behind in the decision making.

Krista Voss reported that programming for Special Education students had a September 17th starting with a hybrid model. Her department is working to increase instructional time. Meetings with staff are taking place to support families of students with special needs. Krista Sherman shared that her students would have increased time with their content area teachers. Varied schedules are a barrier for her students.

Michael Koot shared that we have not focused on truly at-risk students and their needs. He cited studies that show high school groups have the highest rates for transmission of COVID. Michael shared that the hybrid model is the safest instructional model for the high school group.

Communications

Communication is planned for next week on registration. Information regarding the direction provided by the Board should offer clarity moving forward.

Committee Discussion/Communication folder

No new submissions

Next Steps

Future meetings

- Wednesday, October 28th from 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, December 2nd from 5-7 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.