



Reimagining and Reopening of School Committee
Virtual Meeting
Friday, June 5, 2020
1-3 pm

Minutes

Present: Ron Drzewicki, Rick Brooks, Matt Stuard, Liz Evans, Christopher Mumby, Lance Delbridge, Ted Berryhill, Mike Prelesnik, Kevin Dufresne, Angie Vandecar, Shana Barnum, Deb Disbro, Kevin Jones, Kevin Doty, Corrinne Karpinski, Chris Salmon, Greg Lattig, Beth Bousfield, Laura Lange, Brian Martel, Lily Vogel, Jen Sauser, AmySue Hopkins, Beth Bailey, Lynn Goedert, Suzie West, Jan Alleman, Cindy Hyaduck, Tonya Rigdon, Christy Evans, Lou Bartolacci, Mary Kay Gavitt, Kerrie Uphaus, Erin Etters, Michelle Faist, Rachel Brander, Christy Surato, Nick Minnaar, Michael Koot

Not Available: Adrienne Barna

Welcome and Introductions

Ron welcomed new members of the committee.

Mission and Vision

Ron shared that the mission of the group is to develop plans for the education of students this fall. The first day of school is scheduled for August 26, 2020.

Subcommittee Reports

The subcommittee make-up includes members outside the main committee.

Secondary Instruction - Lance and Ted

Ted reported on the Tuesday meeting. The committee discussed beliefs, maintaining student count, and providing 6-12 online instruction for all with courses developed and facilitated by MPS faculty. Discussed proposed surveys and recommended edits.

Elementary Instruction - Kevin, Shana, Mike

Kevin reported on the Tuesday meeting. Discussed successes and challenges. Everyone had an opportunity to share and the discussion was robust.

HEC, Childcare and Preschool Instruction - Angie

Angie reported their meeting began with a google doc to share celebrations and challenges. SeeSaw and Skylert messaging were challenges. Childcare is a huge need and CDC/MI licensing guidance has many hurdles before opening.

Maintaining Healthy Environments and Operations - Rick, Kevin Doty

Rick reported on the committee discussion. PPE equipment, parent and staff guidance for illness, cleaning, athletics, aquatics, technology, and visitors to buildings were just a few items discussed.

Food Service - Chris Salmon

Chris reported on the committee work. The committee discussed a variety of options to feed students in the fall. Cafeteria layout, eating in classrooms, menu items, hand sanitizer stations and shields, snacks, and other items were discussed.

Future surveys

The phone survey was problematic for families – need more specific directions for parents with Skylert messaging. The committee discussed the possibility of mailing surveys to families.

Matt shared the three proposed surveys. They include building specific information. Some questions reflect on the current year and some questions looking forward to 2020-21.

A survey for custodial, food service, transportation, childcare, lifeguards (modified), and office staff was recommended. Chris, Doty, Rick, Chris and Becky will develop content.

Christopher Mumby recommended a survey for students.

Ingham ISD Reopening Committee

Matt discussed the establishment of an Ingham ISD committee to provide regional guidance to local districts. District representatives were nominated. Craig and Shana, Mary Kay, Kevin Doty, Rick, Kevin Jones, and Angie.

District reopening options

The committee approved moving forward and preparing for a minimum of two options for the delivery of instruction in the fall. Full time face-to-face instruction is preferred. The committee also recommends an online option for

parents not comfortable sending students back to school and as a back-up plan in case of closure or illness.

The committee discussed adjusting the calendar if necessary. A hybrid approach was also discussed. Reaching out to the community for childcare support and utilizing larger facilities may be necessary to maintain social distancing.

Recommendation for alignment of plans according to the State's phasing – phase 5 is anticipated in the coming weeks. Online program running concurrently supports shifting as any phasing changes occur. The recommendation was made to focus on the online learning component. Students in quarantine will rely on online courses to maintain educational programming.

An in-person face-to-face start is vital for the youngest of children. The SeeSaw, Google Classroom, Schoology and Canvas learning platforms were discussed. Training and costs are a consideration and in need of additional review.

Committee chairs will meet on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, to determine agendas. Subcommittees should meet once or twice before June 24th.

Timeline

It was recommended to make decisions and communicate options by mid-to-late July.

Communications

Future communication plans were discussed.

Next Steps

Subcommittees will meet and work on the development of an online option and discuss learning management systems.

- Next meeting Wednesday, June 24th from 9:30-11:30 am
- Future meeting Wednesday, July 8th from 1:30-3:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.