



Reimagining and Reopening of School Committee  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, September 23, 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, Cindy Hyaduck, Suzie West, Maria Juras, Kerrie Uphaus, Erin Etters, Michelle Faist, Michael Koot

**Not Available:** Adrienne Barna, Liz Evans, Christopher Mumby, Craig Kueffner, Greg Lattig, Nick Toodzio, Chris Salmon, Beth Bailey, Beth Bousfield, Christie Surato, Nick Minnaar, Rachel Brander

### **Welcome**

Ron Drzewicki welcomed and thanked the group for their hard work. He recommended taking some time to rest and recharge – there's a full year ahead.

### **In-Person Option Survey Results**

Matt Stuard provided a review of the survey results shared with the Board on Monday. 2,918 responses were reviewed and vetted. The results will provide a guide for moving forward. No evidence of manipulating data was found. The gathered information was broken down by building for distance learning, hybrid plan, and full 5- day. Then the data was reviewed by grade band with nearly similar results. The first and second choice for each option were reviewed. The Board's decision was a meeting in the middle – the second choice for each group, in combination with respondent's first choice, was the hybrid plan.

The committee discussed the data and supported the selection of the hybrid plan as the starting point for a return to in-person instruction.

### **2020-21 In-Person School Reopening Plan - HYBRID**

#### Elementary plan

Angie Vandecar and Kevin Dufresne presented the elementary hybrid plan shared with the Board. The current draft included ways to make the "off days" more robust with additional live instruction via zoom. Wednesday serves to bring all students

together – remotely – for instruction. This plan allows social distancing, with the maximum numbers of students present in the classroom being 13-14.

AmySue Hopkins shared some concerns from teachers. Instruction would begin 20 minutes earlier, lunch with students in classrooms, and specials pushing into classrooms creates a challenge for teachers to plan and check student work. Angie shared that these are considerations under review.

Jen Sauser shared that labor management will need to work for an agreement to resume in-person instruction. The opportunity to social distance under a hybrid model is appreciated.

#### Middle school plan and High school plan

Ted Berryhill and Lance Delbridge presented the similar secondary plans. MMS has a 6 class day/MHS has a 5 class day. The secondary hybrid model has the same alternating days and remote Wednesday as the elementary plan. The teacher release time is at the end of the day to allow for staff to regain the time covering student lunch supervision. Continued learning on the remote day is attainable and the ability to connect with a staff member would be recommended. Several secondary teachers are interested in piloting a HyFlex model. The addition of teachers to provide instruction on the continued learning days to provide core and even special education instruction is considered. Learning Labs are open. An acclimation week is planned for 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. An E-pass system is under consideration to keep track of student breaks.

#### **Attendance - Two-way communication**

Matt Stuard reported that attendance will need to be taken in a different way. We are required to record 2 two-way communications occurring each week – Wednesday to Tuesday. Students may initiate the communication, a change in previous process. These must be logged and the engagement rates are reported monthly to the Board of Education and posted on our transparency page. The committee discussed a change in student information systems (SIS).

#### **Health Guidelines for Delivering In-Person Pupil Instruction**

Ron Drzewicki shared the matrix that includes guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD). The matrix includes a series of steps to determine the risks associated with bringing students back in-person.

Ron Drzewicki shared the MPS Protocols that will go out to parents sometime next week with the registration communication. The protocols provide resources including the requirements for masks, transportation procedures, and the process for reporting cases. Exposures will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Teachers that are exposed and required to quarantine would qualify for emergency FMLA. If well, the teacher could work remotely. The district will assist the ICHD with contact tracing.

#### **Communications**

The registration form will go out to families next week. This will include the possibility of students changing teachers – framed in a positive way. Our staff is outstanding and will work to make connections with all students if and when those changes are necessary.

### **Next Steps**

#### *Future meetings*

- Wednesday, October 7th from 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, October 28th from 5-7 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.