



Reimagining and Reopening of School Committee  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020  
5-7 p.m.

Minutes

**Present:** Ron Drzewicki, Adrienne Barna, Rick Brooks, Matt Stuard, Liz Evans, Christopher Mumby, Jan Alleman, Ted Berryhill, Mike Prelesnik, Kevin Dufresne, Angie Vandecar, Shana Barnum, Craig Kueffner, Nick Toodzio, Lance Delbridge, Kevin Jones, Kristin Higgins, Greg Lattig, Kevin Doty, Krista Voss, Beth Bousfield, Laura Lange, Lily Brown, Lynn Goedert, Tonya Rigdon, Brian Martel, Mary Kay Gavitt, Christy Evans, Krista Sherman, Beth Bailey, Maria Juras, Jen Sauser, AmySue Hopkins, Cindy Hyaduck, Kerrie Uphaus, Erin Eppers, Michelle Faist, Christie Surato, Michael Koot, Nick Minnaar

**Also Present:** Ralph Beebe, Tim Ayres, Patrick O'Connor, Michael Kelly

**Not Available:** Chris Salmon, Suzie West, Rachel Brander

**Welcome**

Ron welcomed the group and recognized the hard work and energy of our teachers providing online instruction. He recognized the members of the Board joining today as observers.

**Return to Learn Legislation**

Matt shared the reporting timeline and information for the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Academic goals are a component of the plan. The plan requires review and approval by the Board every 30 days. The template for the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan was shared and reviewed by Matt.

The committee discussed the in-person instruction date for special education students. Guidance was released late last week.

**In-Person Reopening Plan**

Ron shared a draft document for in-person instruction. The district will always have a distance learning option for families. Options include a HyFlex or similar model. Another component could be a separation of distance learning and in-person instruction with fully online students assigned to online teachers and in-person students assigned to in-person teachers using MPS teachers. A survey of parents will be necessary to provide data for planning. Parents will need to understand what in-person instruction will look like for their children and have a better understanding of the online instruction in terms of content and delivery. Students may require teacher reassignment to allow for balanced classrooms across the district for in-person instruction.

The committee discussed the technology required for HyFlex instruction and how this would work for students at home and students present in the classroom. Pilots are planned. Matt shared a video displaying HyFlex instruction.

### **Elementary In-Person Learning Model**

Shana provided an overview of the draft Elementary In-person Learning Model. The focus is consistency of instruction for ELA, Math, and WIN with in-person education. This would require identifying virtual instructors at each grade level. In-person students would attend a half day – 50% of the classroom attending AM or PM. Self-transport would be recommended. Science, Social Studies, and Specials would be provided asynchronously for the other half of the day. All students would attend online instruction on Wednesday. Teachers would use Wednesday as a day for planning and developing the components of asynchronous instruction.

The committee discussed the advantages of the plan. The core instruction time on math and ELA and cleaning between sessions were positively received. The committee discussed students adapting to changing teachers during the school year that may be required due to numbers. This allows for MPS staff to deliver instruction as identified as a desire by parents.

### **Back to School Roadmap Operational Plan**

Rick provided an update on the Back to School Roadmap Operation Plan. The requirements for masks and the spacing of desks 6' apart and maintaining spacing between students and teachers. Arrival and departure procedures utilizing one-way traffic. Meals in classrooms and establishing cohorts for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students were reviewed.

The committee reviewed details regarding students that become ill during the day. The same protocol is necessary for staff. Connect Care requires an ill child to be picked up within a one hour timeframe.

### **Communications**

The committee had no recommendations for future communications.

### **Committee Discussion/Communication folder**

Nothing new posted.

### **Next Steps**

Future meetings:

- Board of Education - September 14, 2020
- Wednesday, September 23rd from 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, October 7th from 5-7 pm
- Wednesday, October 28th from 5-7 pm

Ron thanked the Board members that attended this evening. The work of the committee will be shared with the Board as guidance in development of an in-person learning option. The survey development and fine tuning of the elementary plan will continue. Planning will also continue for in-person instruction for 6-12 students.