

Portland Public Schools Reopening Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

Google Meet

Present: Charles Britton, Carl Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Chris Serra, Clem Wiekrykas, Dave Opuszynski, Dawn Davis, Grace Darby, Kate Lawson, Linda Martin, Marlene McKinney, Michelle Ianello, Nancy Bakos, Patti Toller, Liz Davidson (CHD), Ralph Zampano, Ryan Walstrom, Sharon Peters, Sue McDougal, Vanessa Aquino

9:03AM Meeting called to order

**Review of Teacher Survey Data**

Suzanne McDougall presented her survey. Presented concerns of terminology of the “Faculty Questionnaire” and suggestion of adding/changing areas to allow for areas of discussion.

Additionally, there was lengthy discussion on teaching remotely and in-person, simultaneously.

Liz Davidson, Chatham Health District representative, still recommends proper hand washing, wearing of face coverings and continued social distancing to aid in keeping our numbers low.

Lengthy discussion on masks for teachers, staff, students and who will provide them, what types are recommended, and the possibility of clear face coverings so children can still see the faces of speech pathologists, etc.

Patti Toller reported some concerns of administrative assistants in relation to their work space locations and are hesitant to return.

Dawn Davis mentioned that we need to share the re-opening plan with staff and families so they are aware of things they may expect the fall to look like. This way when they respond to the survey, they can respond appropriately.

Discussion of not being able to dictate if a student can attend in person schooling or not UNLESS they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Vanessa Aquino mentioned that some parents will not send their kids to school if they have to wear masks. Discussion followed as what to do if a student does not comply with wearing a mask and social distancing. Kate Lawson mentioned that it needs to carry a positive spin so that the student does not feel they are being “punished.”

Charles mentioned that after speaking with the administrative team today, he will send a survey out Wednesday, July 8, 2020, to all Portland families and staff. Expected return date due Friday, July 10, 2020 at 12Midnight.

Sharon Peters, Portland Board Chair, expressed that we need to follow proper policy guidelines, as well as complying with CAFE and HIPAA.

### **Update on Request from Athletic Department to Begin Summer Conditioning**

Chris Serra postponed conditioning another week due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases around the country. At the next Re-Opening Committee meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2020, he will give a detailed outline/map of what his plans will look like to start conditioning. Charles asked Chris to obtain information from area AD's as to their plans and strategies for conditioning.

### **Topics for Thursday July 9, 2020**

Looking for input regarding concerns and expectations from constituents

Looking for input regarding the Re-Opening Template that is due back to the state July 24, 2020

Thoughts on modifying the 2020-2021 school calendar to reflect removing professional development days from February and March and tacking them onto August, allowing more staff preparation to the re-opening of school. This would move the start of school to September 1, 2020

Meeting Adjourned 10:59AM