

August 11, 2020

Reopening Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Dr. Charles Britton, Linda Martin, Patti Toller, Marlene McKinley, Michele Iannello, Sue McDougall, Dawn Davis, Grace Darby, Chris Serra, Ralph Zampano, Dave Opuszynski, Liz Davidson, Carl Johnson, Clement Wiekrykas, Vanessa Aquino, Sharon Peters

Call to order 9:05AM

Dr. Britton shared a document from the CSDE for discussion.

Addendum #5

Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts
Discussion between Liz Davidson, Chatham Health District representative, Dave Opuszynski, Head Nurse PPS and Dawn Davis, Director of Student Services, highlighting guidelines on page 5 of this document. They are listed as End-Notes and are ever changing. For now, there will be communication between PPS and the Chatham Health District regarding any incidents within the schools, and how this gets communicated to the community.

Athletics Update-

Chris Serra spoke regarding CIAC talks of delaying fall sports to April and May, winter sports to February and March, and spring sports to June.

After discussion with his COVID-19 Athletic Advisory Committee, they suggest the following; conditioning to start August 24, 2020 with a 10 person cohort. Practices to start August 27, 2020 in cohorts of 15, and lastly, start full practices, up to 50 players to start September 11, 2020. There is still the guidance from CIAC that there will be no locker room usage, unless the players are 12 feet from one another, this will not work in Portland. He will suggest the bathroom closest to the field for usage. If the CIAC decides to cancel all fall sports, Chris suggests we try intramural sports to keep the kids active.

Latest Survey Results-

Here is the data from the surveys that went out last week;

Teachers- 10 are High Risk and will not be returning, 6 have childcare issues

35.9% are in favor of Full Opening of Schools, 64.1% are in favor of the Hybrid Model

Paras- 1 is in the High Risk category, 6 have childcare issues

36.7% are in favor of Full Opening of Schools, 63.3% are in favor of the Hybrid Model

Administrative Assistants- 1 is in the High Risk category, 0 childcare issues

14.3% are in favor of Full Opening of Schools, 85.7% are in favor of the Hybrid Model

Parents- still waiting for approximately 200 more parents of students to respond, however, so far, this is how it was broken down; 18% are in favor of Distance Learning, and of the rest, 50.6% are in favor of a Full Opening of Schools, and 49.4% are in favor of the Hybrid Model

The Reopening Committee shared their opinions and concerns with all 3 models, and the general consensus was to open in the Hybrid Model. Dr. Britton hopes to bring this information to the Board of Education meeting tonight for a vote and final decision. If a decision is made

tonight of how the schools will/will not reopen, parents will have the right to change their original decision. It will be urged that they call their building principal immediately to make that information clear, so we can modify what we need to do. Additionally, the Leadership Team has come up with a plan that if we were to open in the Hybrid Model, that they revisit on Columbus Day to evaluate if any changes need to be revised.

Adjourn 11:04AM