

July 28, 2020
Reopening Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Charles Britton, Linda Martin, Sue McDougall, Vanessa Aquino, Chris Serra, Kate Lawson, Clem Wiekrykas, Grace Darby, Ryan Walstrom, Patti Toller, Dawn Davis, Marlene McKinley, Liz Davidson, Sharon Peters, Michele Iannello, Ralph Zampano

Call to order 9:30AM

Charles started with the most up to date report from the Chatham Health District, Liz Davidson commenting on infection rates for the month of July- see table.

Last week, a template for the plan for reopening went out to the public, as well as Charles' first podcast, describing some of the options we are considering.

Quick update- three weeks ago the Commissioner of the State and the Governor reported that all CT schools will return in-person. Yesterday, they updated stating districts can be flexible with their reopening plan. Charles suggests we continue to go forward with our 3 models and will wait to decide what is considered "green, yellow or red" numbers.

At this time, Charles opened up the floor to see what the thoughts were of the committee members, as far as which model to choose. Lengthy discussion followed. With that, Charles asked that we all still consider all 3 models, and focus on the transition from one model to the next, if things change. He went on to discuss the 4 layers of the plan- 1) reopening template, 2) district level expectations, 3) building level expectations, 4) ----- (I did not get #4)

Charles plans to review the feedback from this meeting, as well as from the leadership committee meeting later today, with the BOE at tonight's meeting. This way he will be ready to have his first town hall meeting with Kate Lawson this Thursday evening at 6PM. Brownstone Intermediate School town hall meeting with Charles and Alison Hine will be Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6PM. Tuesday August 4, 2020 town hall meeting with Ryan Walstrom and Charles for Gildersleeve Elementary School. Valley View Elementary School town hall meeting will be held August 5, 2020 with Charles and Jessica Bruenn. Chuck Hershon, the newly appointed Middle School Principal, along with Charles Britton, will hold their town hall meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020.

For the next meeting, committee members, please return to your constituents for more thoughts about the 3 models of reopening. Charles would like the same survey that went out to parents and staff, sent out again around August 7, 2020, without the option to respond "uncertain." Vanessa Aquino feels the parents should know the model we are leaning towards, in order to make a better decision for the survey. Clem Wiekrykas feels we need an "opt out" portion for parents regarding district transportation. Charles would like us to try to make a decision next Tuesday of which model to use.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 9AM.

Adjourn 10:40AM