

Reopening Task Force Meeting Notes

August 3, 2020

- Thank you to all groups for the documentation work in the plan
- Thursday Board meeting - Board will be approving the phase plan;
- Area schools (Newmarket completely remote; Raymond hybrid; Hampton hybrid) impacts our decision.
- Bill is not asking the Board to approve the phase we will be in at the 8/6 meeting.
- Need to be responsive to local needs.
- Board presentation
 - Draft presentation online
 - Summary of the work and resources
 - Presentation of Phased Plan
 - Current conditions [Covid Dashboard](#)
 - Current recommendation of Phase 3
 - Suggestion: naming the date when the details will be released and decision will be made
 - Question from Nicole K: What is the number threshold that defines low? Process for changing from phase to phase?
 - We will work together with the Board; timing may not allow and Bill may need to make a decision quickly
 - DHHS will work with schools individually and provide additional guidance
 - Suggestion: Decisions will be revisited on a schedule or as needed
 - Joann McCann: Question about HVAC at high school - Don shared that there is an issue with the system?
 - Rachel Pattee Question: How much notice will we get between phases? As much as possible/reasonable
 - Can the staff still come in for pd if we have to start in phase 2 or 1? Yes, we will provide as much support as we can
 - Procedures if we have to go remote? Ex. send chromebooks home if we know we are
 - Melanie: All parents should be prepared for us to go remote; communications team - add resources for parents
- Opening month schedule
 - Teaching and learning subcommittee feels that we should consider a 4x1 schedule - ½ day remote learning and ½ day PD time; thinking Wednesday as the remote day; helps with cleaning schedules; or Fridays if that was the need of staff due to other districts schedules; starting immediately for the month of September and then revisit; time to try out the technology
 - Austin - was helpful having the reassessment and relearning day in last remote day
 - Ellen - Newmarket plan - November through January = remote; issues with vacation and travel
 - Nicole - we need to find out the recommendations about test vs. quarantine
 - Dr. Chan adjusted the guidelines for teachers - if you wear mask, don't use public transportation and you've traveled, you should wear

- Group agrees: the PD is valuable to our staff one day per week in September. Will put some inconvenience for elementary families. Rec does not have staff to offer childcare. PD may be remote.
 - Important to let parents know right away.
 - Important that if we go completely remote we continue with a 4/1 model.
 - PD for paraeducators?
 - Opportunity to help with SEL for adults and kids.
- Q and A Session date - reminder to parents to attend Board meeting this week; first public comment session on the plan; not a discussion of the details;
 - Tuesday 8/11? 5:30 - 7:00 Zoom Q&A; possibly on Epping TV and Youtube video
 - 7:00 - ? additional Board meeting - lite agenda (also on 8/11?)
- Key takeaways from Dr. Chan:
 - New and unexplained symptoms (ex. Is it a headache from allergies?); Is it out of the ordinary for you?
 - What happens when we get a positive case? Do not shut down a school for a single, positive case. We should do our contact tracing and work with the Department of Health.
 - Do you quarantine siblings? No
 - DOE will share the slide show soon
- Bill: I want to continue to offer flexibility and cooperation with our staff
- Heather Clark: How many staff will be affected by the childcare issues? Not sure if we have everyone's information. Four people feel that they have medical needs, but they may not have qualifying issues. Five or so have their own childcare issues. We will work flexibly. FMLA would allow 12 weeks. We want to be humane. We may need to be creative - ex. bring your child in for the day. We need to have flexibility with staff and students.
- We will not be able to meet everyone's needs. Ex. qualifying events may not actually qualify
- The School Board will be at EES Cafegymatorium on Thursday evening. It will be live, televised and phone in option. Won't be a zoom call. Masks and social distancing required. Fire personnel at the door. Screener questionnaire. Chairs spaced out inside. Board and Bill will be on the stage.
- Mask question: adult guidance for knowing when to take masks off; some adult discretion; there is a new etiquette for masks; we need to be aware and accommodate as needed;
- Heather Charkowski - Question: Is there enough room? Spacing is around 50-60; overflow
- 8/6 - Board meeting with phased plan
- 8/7 - the details/links in plan shared/turned on and Bill sends out message to parents
- 8/11 - Q&A session