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School Reopening Task Force

Meeting: 2

Subcommittee: Special Education

Date: July 14, 2020

Time: 4:00 pm

Hosts: Sandra Wojnowski – Executive Director of Educational Services

Jeremy Koch – Administrator for Special Education

Committee Members	Title
Jeanette Acardi	Teacher
Cory Breines	Operations
Janine Brischler	Teacher
Dr. Marianne Cartisano	Central Office
Susan Craddock	Central Office
Stacey Curti	Teacher
Nicole Farley	Teacher
Maureen Feddern	Teacher
Amy Fischer	Teacher
Anthony Flammia	Parent
SallyAnn Garbe	Office Assistant
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Maria Gianino	Nurse
Kristin Hennig	Parent
Allison Shirreffs Leek	Parent
Elizabeth Martin	Teacher
Jennine McCann	Teacher
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Meeting Minutes

The meeting discussed how possibly proposed models for the 20-21 school would enable the district to meet IEP mandates. The opinion has been that special education students would need the most in-person instruction.

What is the approach for special education students who are residentially placed to address regression? The district has been working to figure out missed sessions and how regression will be noted. This will include conversations and then CSE's to get students the support needed to get them back to where they were previously performing.

The NYSED July 13th and NYSDOH July 13th memos were highlighted with committee members. Concerns and hurdles with reopening plans were touched on being that much of the guidance was redundant and/or vague. The use of ClassDojo, Google Classrooms, Zoom, etc. were discussed as the need for remote learning will be part of reopening plan.

Updates on the Regional Summer program was discussed. The temperature check was described for the committee. Outside courtyards and gymnasium is used though the playground is not. Items that are shared or frequently used are wiped down. Staff wear masks all day and most students wear masks. 3 virtual classrooms are being used as well. Related service providers use both in-person and virtual avenues of delivering instruction. Teachers teach either in person or virtually.

The physical setup of the classroom was discussed. Members brought up concerns about the number of students that could fit with social distancing, arranging the hardscapes/furniture in the classroom, and the integration of technology during in-person instruction with the committee.

The committee discussed what would happen if a parent was not comfortable with sending their child into the building and possibly home schooling them continued. Home schooled students would then be the educational responsibility of the parent losing any special program they may be enrolled in.

Reopening plan due date of July 31st was stated to the committee. The social-emotional component of reentry was discussed. Guidance noted how this is paramount.

Committee Questions

- 1) What is the approach for special education students who are residentially placed to address regressions?
- 2) How are we going to manage training staff to prepare for changes in practices, polices, etc., including ordering supplies or getting additional substitute teachers? This conversation will be ongoing.
- 3) Can students be provided of their textbooks and instructional materials incase of closures without notice?

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- 4) Are survey's going to be used to see what platform(s) parents and students want to participate on/in?
- 5) How will related service spaces be reorganized?
- 6) Will air conditioners be used especially in the warmer months? This will be brought to the steering committee.
- 7) Will Miller Place be requesting waivers from parents based on the COVID-19 bill? This will be brought to the health and safety committee.
- 8) What happens if a parent does not want to send their child into the building if students are to come back into the buildings? This will be brought to the steering committee.
- 9) Will AC units be equipped with filtration? Each unit has a basic filter and is regularly cleaned. HEPA filters require specified equipment to utilize.

Items for next meeting:

- Summarizing Summer Models (8 different plans from different states with 3-4 scenarios each)
- Remote Learning
- Tele-therapy
- Working CSE/IST meetings