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School Reopening Task Force

Meeting: 4

Subcommittee: Special Education

Date: July 28, 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
Laura Gewurz	Administrator
Maria Gianino	Nurse
Kristin Hennig	Parent
Allison Shirreffs Leek	Parent
Elizabeth Martin	Teacher
Jennine McCann	Teacher
Dawn McCarthy	Parent
Shannon McNulty	Teacher
Kristy Tarsia	Parent
Diana Tufaro	Administrator

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Meeting Minutes

- Goals of the committee:
 - Review emails sent to committee
 - Review tentative plan for hybrid model

- Committee reviewed the emails sent to the committee
 - The district is working to provide OT/PT when students are not on-site to avoid pull-outs during days a student is learning in the building.
 - The district is looking at alternative options for high-risk students, faculty, families, etc.
 - In regard to students traveling to areas where COVID cases are high or rising rapidly – the correspondence was sent to the Health and Safety committee.

- The committee discussed the following:
 - Air conditioning and the movement of fresh air in and out of the classroom.
 - A clear mask was displayed by a committee member who helped with DIAL screening.
 - Mental health upon the return of students.
 - Hybrid models.
 - Initial thought: Cohort A in school Mon./Thu., Cohort B Tue./Fri., whole district out on remote live instruction Wed.
 - Possible Change: Cohort A in school Mon./Tue., Cohort B Thu./Fri., whole district out on remote live instruction Wed.
 - Wednesday's would be a split between instruction and professional development/planning for faculty. Instructional committee is vetting through how topics of instruction would be delivered.
 - A member asked if the district was looking into numbers of teachers needed, classrooms needed, etc. which it has been. This is being discussed with the Steering Committee this week.
 - The district is still looking into 100% online options.
 - The 2020-21 district calendar will remain as proposed at this time but subject to change.
 - Concerns on what may happen if a student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19.
 - Other district proposals and how they are approaching bringing in students.

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Committee Questions

1. Does the school district have a school safety coordinator for new regulations? Reopening guidance documents state that this is something that is mandatory and will be delineated within the districts reopening plan.
2. How will safety plans prioritize themselves? Fire/lockdown drills will still need to be completed but will be referred to the Health and Safety Committee for an answer.
3. Is the district looking to expand the roll/function of our security personnel? This would be examined by Health and Safety Committee.
4. How are masks going to be “policed” if mandated? This is an on-going conversation throughout the district currently. This is a topic of conversation/decision for the Steering Committee.
5. What are the protocols if a student in the classroom tests positive for COVID? The District waiting for NYSDOH to give direction. The District is also waiting to see what region we’re a part of in NYS.
6. If students regressed, how will the district adapt if numbers increase? The Personnel Office has been notified of the possible need for more support.

Possible Items for next meeting:

- Any possible feedback from Steering Committee.