

Restart Committee Meeting
August 4, 2020

Minutes

Attendees:

Adina D'Ambola	Erik Hammerdahl
Carley Bollard	Sasha Heinz
Mike Davison	Margarita Malave
Lorraine Dillon	Andrea Marmolejos
Janet Fike	Marissa Newby
Matt Fernandez	Christine Nathan
Jenn Ferraioli	Jason Parenti
Kelly Flood	Scott Sesnick
Kathy Galvin	Denise Smallacomb
Diana Garces	Terry Yanow
Julie Gardner	

1. Parents Seeking Virtual Instruction for September

Information regarding the DLC's modified plan to reopen schools in September was sent to the sending districts' directors of special services. Parents are encouraged to reach out to their district about transportation plans for their children.

2. Proposed Plan

There were not many changes to the revised draft of the plan to reopen schools in September. The only change was to the program model, which consists of in-person or fully remote at home instruction.

The Governor made some changes to previous requirements such as decreasing gatherings from 100 people to 25 people. He is also requiring students to wear face masks in school, with two exceptions - students who are not able to wear a face mask due to a medical condition or a disability. Although our students, most likely, will not tolerate a mask, parents are encouraged to start mask training with their children. We have uploaded resources to help. We are asking parents to label their child's face mask as well as provide a Ziploc bag or plastic container in which their child may put their mask while they are eating lunch.

3. Update of the DLCs' Protocols for Reopening

We are working with Qualtrix to create a daily health assessment for students and staff. Parents and staff will receive the health assessment via an email at 6:00 a.m. each day. If someone does not complete the assessment, they will be contacted by the DLC. As the

students exit their buses, staff will take their temperatures with a contactless thermometer. We are following the CDC guidelines. Therefore, if a student or staff member has a temperature greater than 100.4, the student or staff member will not be allowed to return to school for at least 24 hours after being free from fever without the aid of a fever-reducing medication.

Staff will arrive at 8:15 a.m. and will begin taking students off of the buses at 8:40 a.m. Procedures have been created so that there should not be multiple staff members and students in the hallways at the same time. This may take a little longer, but it ensures the health and safety of both students and staff. Principals are reviewing the layout of the classrooms to determine the options for social distancing. Every student will have an individualized box of materials to limit the sharing of materials. Lunch will be in the classroom. There will be frequent handwashing during the day. Dismissal time is 1:00 p.m. Common planning time for staff will be from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. and staff lunch and preparation periods will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Google Classroom will be used for remote instruction.

Janet met with DLC staff this week and asked their concerns. Christine thanked Janet for the level of communication and responsiveness.

The question was asked if there was a plan to improve the virtual program if, in fact, it was necessary for the DLCs to offer a completely virtual program. Janet responded that the ESY Program is more enhanced than in March. Staff members are continually looking to do things in more engaging ways.

Students and teachers will be notified of class assignments as soon as it is reasonable.

If anything changes dramatically, you will be notified. Everyone was encouraged to listen to the Governor's conferences or review the recap on nj.com

4. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m.