

Board of Education Reopen NCPS Committee
July 9, 2020
9:00 AM
Remote Meeting/Webinar

Members:

Ms. Katrina Parkhill, Chair

Ms. Julie Reeves, Secretary

Ms. Dionna Carlson

Ms. Penny Rashin

Ms. Jennifer Richardson

Dr. Bryan Luizzi, Superintendent

Dr. Jill Correnty, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Jo-Ann Keating, Director of Finance and Operations

Ms. Darlene Pianka, Director of Human Resources

Mr. William Tesbir, Director of Pupil and Family Services

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

In attendance: Ms. Parkhill, Ms. Reeves, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Rashin, Ms. Richardson, Dr. Luizzi, Dr. Correnty, Dr. Keating, Ms. Pianka, Mr. Tesbir. In addition, NCPS staff and parents, as well as other members of the BOE, participated (66 total).

Dr. Luizzi welcomed all participants, and stated the four main goals for the call: 1) review Governor Lamont's "Reopen" plan; 2) provide participants high level information on the district's current plans; 3) create a dialogue forum; and 4) respond to questions submitted in advance. He summarized the steps taken so far as we plan for the reopening of school in the fall (seven weeks from now), and he shared that the district will establish a new website that will contain information specific to plans around reopening, to provide a centralized source of information.

Dr. Luizzi summarized the Governor's reopen plan and reviewed key requirements within it. Each district is required to develop three scenarios for learning -- fully in-person, fully online, and a hybrid model -- and must submit to the Governor written plans for addressing reopening requirements by July 24, 2020. At the end of July, the district intends to offer webinars to all staff and teachers at each building, as well as students at certain levels, to explain the proposals and address questions. A questionnaire will also be sent to all families in the district asking for their plans regarding in-person or remote learning for their child(ren). Results from this will help to further refine each scenario.

The school district is working closely with Town medical experts, and Dr. Luizzi and his staff are in constant dialogue with colleagues at the regional, state, and tri-state levels as we plan and move forward. "Fast, focused, fluid, flexible, and factual" is the environment in which the district is working and to which we are committed.

The participants adjourned to break-out groups divided by school level (elementary, middle and high). Each group discussed the various elements of current plans, with opportunities for input, dialogue, and Q&A.

The entire group reconvened to share high-level summaries of each group's feedback and further considerations. Each break-out group's notes will be gathered together in one document, and Dr. Luizzi will provide written responses to questions that were posed in advance of today's meeting. The intention is to reconvene this group at

the beginning of August, as more is known both within the district and the state, in order to continue the dialogue and help further crystalize plans.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Julie Reeves