

RETURN TO LEARN COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Members Present-

Laurie Boland, Jr./Sr. High Representative. X
Jim Burchers, Chief Maintenance
Mary Charlton, Parent Representative, Epidemiologist. X
Andy Cutter, Board Member/Parent. X
Tim Foley, Jr./Sr. High Assistant Principal. X
Abigail Kaska, Student Representative
Dan Livorsi, Parent Representative, Infectious Disease Physician X
Jess Pizana, Tech Director Regina Education Center. X
Larry Pohren, Jr./Sr. High Representative
Glenn Plummer, Jr./Sr. High Principal. X
Kris Rutt, Elementary Representative
Melinda Shetler, Board President/Parent X
Shane Schemmel, Communication and Marketing Director. X
Kelly Starr, Elementary Assistant Principal. X
Celeste Vincent, Elementary Principal. X

Start time

9:03 start time.

We will be recording the session for those that cannot attend. (busy teaching)

AGENDA

1. DIOCESAN TRAVEL GUIDELINES-We received some information from the diocese. The new travel guidelines. Screen shared the document of guidelines for travel. The 14 day quarantine is lifted for international travel.

Action item- We will get this posted to the COVID tab.

2. CHANGE IN POSITIVITY IN JOHNSON COUNTY- There is a change in our community. Not sure how much the college community crosses over with the larger community. Shared attendance yesterday on both sides of the building. Very few absent.

Committee is thinking ahead to what may happen if we ever did have COVID cases at Regina. Any possibilities of other hybrid options if we are coming off a school wide quarantine. In future, if we need options, we could ask families who could switch to hybrid to help the whole.

3. QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS/TEACHERS-

Would wearing an N95 mask exclude students from the 6 foot distance rule for contact?

Answer- No.

Reasoning- CDC does not recommend public use of these at this time. N95 masks need to be fitted specially, may not be fitted properly.

Would Regina ever post a general absenteeism rate?

Answer-No

Reasoning-We would not want old data to be out in public and we would not want identifiable information out there, which would lead to an individual patient being identified.

*Exception- If we ever reach a 10% threshold that needs to get reported to JCPH, then we would make our community aware.

Action Item- We will post on the Regina COVID tab the guidelines that came from IDPH last week for reporting. It shows us who to document and who not to document.

Discussion- Important for people to understand what our general baseline number is just for a center our size. We may want to include- Example of when flu season comes and have students out not for COVID, but for flu.

Iowa City is starting virtually, would we ever consider?

Answer- We have offered virtual learning as a choice for our families.

Discussion-

Shared sample of another school who had a student test positive for COVID.

Shared example of a late notification and we need to shut down for the day so that all contract tracing can be completed. There could come a time when we would go online for a day due to a late COVID notice. We would work with Johnson County Public Health on this.

Under current protocols, would siblings need to sit out also if other sibling is out sick and waiting for a test?

Answer- JCPH says it is a family call.

Reasoning- JCPH said it could get messy to have everyone sitting out within a family. It is not an automatic that a sibling would sit out until test results.

However, we may just need to have some discussion with our families who call in someone who is sick with potential COVID symptoms. Discuss how much close contact there is at home. Do they share a room? Do they spend most of their time together, or is it a high school student, not around a younger student? We will put decision making on the family and discourage it if possible. If they felt true risk or prolonged exposure, encouraged to also hold back siblings. So, we will encourage it, but not require it. Inform a family and let them make a decision. Have the two siblings been near each other?

Question- *Are tests available and what is the time to get them back?*

Comment- Hospitals getting ready for school age children to be tested.

If we have a 15% positivity in the community and we have 10% absent, would we automatically apply to the state for waiver to go online?

Discussion- of if ten percent was due to something like strep throat, allergies, flu, something that causes us to go 10% absent, but not COVID.

If we reached 10%, due to the flu, not COVID, may not apply.

Try to be transparent with information. We do have choices available.

Are there any considerations where we would move to 50% online?

Answer- Maybe if we have to reassess after a school quarantine.

Maybe if we need to look at everything differently.

This is addressed in the health protocols.

Teacher Question-

How to deal with papers?

Hand out to students individually.

If turning in papers, put them into a basket.

Encourage most to be electronic.

Time in between turning-in and grading.

Limit the amount of touching.

Washing your hands after you have touched surfaces.

Jr./Sr. High specific questions-

Regina is an ACT testing site. Concern of allowing other students to come in and test and use our classrooms. Will classrooms be safe after testing? Are we opening ourselves up for more risk?

ACT will not mandate mask wearing. We as a test center can mandate.

ACT will reimburse for masks that are given out by us.

If they don't show up with a mask, they will not be allowed to test.

We will assign the night crew or someone to clean the desks after the students are done testing. Similar to the normal school day.

Is it too much of a risk to be a testing site or if we clean everything, we should be ok?

What day of week? 8-12 on a Saturday. Sounds reasonable, at least twenty-four hours to get school cleaned down, before starting Monday.

SPORTS - *Protocols for spectators?*

First home football game was Friday. We did not limit our fans. The opposing team did limit their tickets. We required masks, spots were marked in bleachers, every other row was blocked off. Issue of understanding of the concept of social distancing. Getting everyone's opinion on this.

Preparing for volleyball this week. What we should/should not allow for sporting events?

Student section, watch if not social distancing.

Similar thoughts for volleyball, block off every other row. Separate by section for student section.

Will Volleyball be live streamed like volleyball? Helped to have parents stay home.
Shane will share links ahead of time so people could watch from home.

TEMPERATURE PLEDGE- CDC does not recommend the school wide temperature check, use screening protocols, not just temperature.
Offices are tracking down all of these for the.

Other Action Items.

None.

Meeting closed 9:56 a.m.