

Return to Learn Meeting Notes for March 5, 2021

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X= present

*Meeting started at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

FIRST ITEM OF DISCUSSION- Prom

Potential to have outside.

Teachers will not be required to chaperone the dance.

Parent chaperones will be needed.

No one from the outside will be invited in and numbers will be limited.

Date is set for April 24th.

Other ideas to keep students safe/make this work-

Host prom outside, since there is still a month left of school. Host on pavement, so not muddy.

Discussion of a less formal prom. May look into allowing 10th graders to come if invited. No freshmen. Goal- Trying to get our seniors as many end of the year opportunities as possible.

SECOND ITEM OF DISCUSSION- Vaccine update.

Most of the teachers are getting vaccinated. We are down to four, that have not had the first shot. Some side effects from people having the second shot.

THIRD ITEM OF DISCUSSION- Other upcoming events

Graduation- It is up to the schools. The issue with holding it outside is that we do not know what the weather will be like, so don't like planning for outside. We want the graduation as normal as possible. Potential for live stream. If we hold it in the gym, we could limit attendance to ten guests per student. Question about if there would be singing. Our choir wears masks.

Senior Trip- The diocese does not want us to have overnight stays. We are looking at two separate day trips. Thinking of doing a ropes course and being outside. Another possibility is going to Living History Farms. Looking into state parks. Closer to graduation, we are looking at a one day trip to an amusement park or something the students would enjoy to celebrate their time at Regina. Question of transportation- They would take charter buses which recycle air four times as much as airplanes.

FOURTH ITEM OF DISCUSSION

Change to Guidance a while back said, If there is a positive COVID case and both people are wearing masks, then the person does not need to quarantine.

We have not been following this. We still have been following our initial guidance of even if both masked, still quarantine.

Question-Is it time to revisit and update our guidance?

If both are wearing masks, then we would not have to quarantine.

Action- Need further gathering of data before changing this.

Data/opinions will be gathered from infectious disease persons about further guidance.

Delicate time right now as people are getting vaccinated, but some variants.

Can we go a little longer before we change this? Discussion.

What we are doing is working. Teacher perspective is to keep it the way it is, from the perspective of being in the classroom.

Travel- Communication about travel from diocesan office. We did not ask students to quarantine from return after winter break. We will continue to do what has been working.

Academic Year 2021-2022- Questions

What will we do with social distancing for next year?

At this time, we will start the year wearing masks and keep the mask mandate.

What will we do with online options for next year?

At this time, we will not be offering synchronous learning as an option. Our teachers were successful with it, but it was too much. Maybe discuss recorded lessons.

What about relaxing some of our requirements?

We will not be requiring the 3 foot distance requirement.

We will allow students to sit closer, but may still look into plexiglass barriers.

May be able to relax the cohorts.

What about ideas for AM/PM?

Thinking about the difficulty of contact tracing if we put all together.

Other Discussion Items-

Discussion of graduation parties, junior high play seating/spaces, and upcoming vaccination clinic.