

**Return to Learn Committee Meeting-Notes
September 2, 2020, 10:00 AM.**

Members Present-

Laurie Boland, Jr./Sr. High Representative X
Mary Charlton, Parent Representative, Epidemiologist X
Andy Cutter, Board President/Parent X
Tim Foley, Jr./Sr. High Assistant Principal X
Joy Kelly, Head of Schools X
Sue Kloos, Chair of Health and Safety X
Dan Livorsi, Parent Representative, Infectious Disease Physician X
Jess Pizana, Tech Director Regina Education Center
Larry Pohren, Jr./Sr. High Representative
Glenn Plummer, Jr./Sr. High Principal X
Kris Rutt, K-6 Elementary Representative
Melinda Shetler, Parent X
Shane Schemmel, Communication and Marketing Director X
Kelly Starr, Elementary Assistant Principal X
Celeste Vincent, Elementary Principal X

Meeting started at 10:00 AM

- MASKING - HOS, Joy Kelly, updated on mask usage in the buildings, approximate percentage of what is being observed. Mask-wearing at a much higher rate in the elementary than jr/sr high. With the recent exposure letters that have gone out, more students are masking.
- COVID CASES - updated committee on Regina COVID cases and steps taken.
 - Different guidelines this year than last - cannot require masks, cannot guarantee 6 ft social distancing.
 - Regina will update the COVID tab on the Regina website with the total number of positive cases and numbers of individuals in quarantine center-wide. Regina will no longer do a breakdown by level (i.e. preschool/elementary/jr&sr high school). This aligns with the recommendation of the Johnson County Health Department and the US Department of Education and is designed to prevent the ability to identify specific individuals.
 - Regina will provide a breakdown by level (i.e. preschool/elementary/jr&sr high school) to the Diocese of Davenport as they are monitoring cases to determine what activities or programs need to be adjusted based on positivity rate (i.e. religious education classes, Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass, etc.).
- NOTIFICATION LETTERS TO FAMILIES- Discussion of verbiage for the two different letters:

- **COVID Exposure Letter** - notifies families that their child shares a class or activity with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19. Recommended to add a line that there will be a separate letter for those identified as close contact.
- **COVID Close Contact Letter** - notifies families that subsequent contact tracing has identified their child as being a close contact with an infected student. Letter provides recommendations based on the Johnson County Health Department.
- Update on Quarantine - Cannot mandate but the Johnson County Health Department indicates that close contacts should quarantine to contain the spread of the virus.
- Mask Pledge - Discussion
 - PK-12 Masking Pledge- Potential to include a vaccination status with pledge for grades 7-12.
 - Conversation - Pledge could provide an accountability piece to each other completed by parents that they have had a conversation with their child.
 - General agreement to proceed and get feedback from this group.
 - Pair the pledge with information about why it is important.
 - Joy Kelly is working with Regina parents who are health professionals to coordinate a public service announcement (PSA) video to provide to Regina families.
- MITIGATION STRATEGIES- Have Facilities Director, Rich Smith, securing additional PPE supplies.
 - Suggestion to have masks available in the rooms.
- INCENTIVES FOR WEARING MASKS - Committee members should email school administrators with ideas to promote mask-wearing among students and staff. Regina is open to suggestions but does not want to get into situations where students are pitted against each other in service of some incentive.
- AM/PM PROGRAM- This program is considered an extension of the school programming and cannot require masking.

QUESTIONS - already identified and documented above.

NEXT STEPS -

- Alignment- FAQ letter on website and letters going home to parents
- Working on a letter to all families about the process.
- Homecoming dance moved out to the tent.