

Return to Learn Committee Meeting-Notes

November 12, 2021, 9:00 AM

Members Present-

Laurie Boland, Jr./Sr. High Representative
Mary Charlton, Parent Representative, Epidemiologist
Tim Foley, Jr./Sr. High Assistant Principal
Sarah Haskell, Parent Representative, Pediatrics Critical Care Physician
Joy Kelly, Head of Schools
Sue Kloos, Regina Health & Safety Committee
Dan Livorsi, Parent Representative, Infectious Disease Physician
Jess Pizana, Tech Director Regina Education Center
Glenn Plummer, Jr./Sr. High Principal
Shane Schemmel, Communication and Marketing Director
Melinda Shetler, Parent
Kelly Starr, Elementary Assistant Principal
Celeste Vincent, Elementary Principal

Members Unable to Attend -

Andy Cutter, Board President/Parent
Larry Pohren, Jr./Sr. High Representative
Kris Rutt, K-6 Elementary Representative
Rich Smith, Chief Maintenance

Meeting Began at 9:00 AM

- **Mask Mandate-**
Students doing well with it, a few needing reminders. Challenge is visitors for events/sports.

Question of Regina requiring outdoor masking?

Comments:

ICCSA has indoor and outdoor masking.

It would be good for students to have a chance to take a mask break at recess.

It is a nice break time for them if they are out for recess.

Transmission is low outside. Kids have apprehension outside.

Thanksgiving Break is only a few weeks away. Fine either way for outside.

See some utility until they get vaccinated.

Science suggests it is ok to be unmasked outside.

Still have concerns about the rate being pretty high.

Good to keep wearing them for the extra time.

Group should revisit outdoor mask wearing after Thanksgiving.

Decision: Group concluded to continue with masks outdoors, continue with kids who need a mask break, take mask down to take water, and revisit after Thanksgiving.

- **Bishop's Mass - This is moved to the spring. Fr. Adam will preside for Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 23.**
Discussion: regarding gathering as a whole in the gym for weekly Mass for jr/sr high. Pep assembly question also.
Kids are asking if they can return to Mass together since people are masked.
Question asked: How many people in a room?
It would be in the gym. Use both sides of the bleachers and chairs on the floor - space 3 ft apart. Christmas Basket Mass/prayer services coming up.
Question of how things are done when we have sporting events in the gym.
- **Mask Mandate- Firm end date?**

Board has adopted the mask mandate to be in place through January 2nd.
Numbers/COVID conditions will drive what happens on January 3.
Would we still need to encourage masking if numbers come down? Still should be highly encouraged.
Is the CDC recommendation still masking in schools? Yes.

- **Dashboard-**

Discussion that the jr/sr high should not have to mask, as numbers are not as bad for them.
Some people would like to see where the numbers are high by breaking the dashboard reporting out for preschool, elementary, jr./sr.high.

Feedback-

Report whatever you can and still protect privacy.

It helps parents make their own decisions.

If we do this, it still does not change shared buildings and families.

To increase some transparency, people like to see some numbers.

Suggestion to add the numbers and % out there.

Concern of numbers. Break down to Pk-6 and 7-12.

Discussion of presentation of data for staff - Diocese states we cannot use identifiable information.

Could break down the dashboard to three groups: Staff, PK-6, 7-12.

Will be reported based on the standard provided by JCPH.

Less than six will be reported as <6, more than six will list total number of students and the percentage.

- **Remote Option**

We said we would give through next Friday to be remote, but this could be extended to Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving break if families feel more comfortable with that.

Meeting ended