

Return to Learn Committee Meeting-Notes

November 19, 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
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
Dan Livorsi, Parent Representative, Infectious Disease Physician
Jess Pizana, Tech Director Regina Education Center
Larry Pohren, Jr./Sr. High Representative
Kris Rutt, K-6 Elementary Representative
Rich Smith, Chief Maintenance

Meeting Began at 9:00 AM

- **Mask Mandate: Continue to mandate or not mandate?**

Discussion:

We need more than one data point.

Physicians are willing to discuss what it could be but it likely will be more than one thing and as the virus evolves, the data points may change. Data points to consider:

Positivity rate within the school (overall student body who are positive), community positivity rate (of those who have tested), hospitalization rate, etc.

We need to look at trends. 5% on the way up or 5% on the way down. This is a big difference.

It is important if the response includes looking at metrics but also in conjunction with JCPH. In the past we have discussed with JCPH to make the best decision.

We know that high school students may be asymptomatic but still positive and unknowingly passing the virus to others.

We are hoping that those who are eligible to receive the vaccination, are receiving the vaccination or intend to do so.

The confidential student survey given earlier this year would indicate we have an 85% vaccination rate at the jr/sr high school.

We are always going to have breakthrough infections.

Some were saying there is some reporting of back order or wait for pediatric vaccinations.

Physicians said they know that several went to Hy-Vee and Walgreens for student vaccinations. May not be available at every location, but there is availability.

- **Question- It is very hard to find Covid information from other schools. Regina still shows this on our home page. Should we move this to a different website location or not post this info?**

Discussion -

No - parents who need this information to feel comfortable in making the best decisions for their family can more easily find the info if it is left where it is.

- **Activities at school-**

Sharing our protocols with visiting schools.

AD Taylor Hotek is working with coaches. Continue to remind them about the expectations.

Considering masks at jr high wrestling meet was about 50/50, important to remind our own community.

- **Correspondence-**

You may be copied on correspondence from concerned parents.

Board members and/or Joy are responding.

- **Fall Play -**

Masks were required for all attendees. There were additional masks available for those who came without one. No issues with anyone wearing them.

- **Remote Learning Option -**

Hardship on staff.

Welcome students who have been doing remote learning back to the classroom, if someone really needs to continue it, the family should contact the school.

- **7-12th grade Masses and Prayer Services**

Decision made to allow full 7-12 gatherings with everyone wearing masks and with spacing.

Plan on live streaming and students who do not feel comfortable being in the gym can have an optional spot such as the library or MPR.

Meeting closed at 9:32 AM