

## **Return to Learn Committee Meeting Minutes Friday, December 3**

### **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 School  
Dan Livorsi, Parent Representative, Infectious Disease Specialist  
Glenn Plummer, Jr/Sr High Principal  
Kelly Starr, Elementary Assistant Principal  
Celeste Vincent, Elementary Principal

### **Members Unable to Attend:**

Andy Cutter, Board President/Parent  
Sue Kloos, Regina Health and Safety Committee  
Jess Pizana, Tech Director Regina Catholic Education Center  
Larry Pohren, Jr/Sr High Representative  
Kris Rutt, K-6 Elementary Representative  
Melinda Shetler, Parent  
Shane Schemmel, Communications and Marketing Director

### **Meeting Began at 9:00 AM**

- **Johnson County Public Health Update:** JCPH is considering how to transition from the Covid-19 pandemic to a community in which Covid-19 is endemic.
  - Masks will continue to be recommended when [community transmission](#) rate is high.
  - Strongly recommend household contacts quarantine.
  - When the county is in a period of sustained or high transmission, it is not necessary to continually notify parents, staff, and other students of each case. At this level of community transmission, persons must assume that there is a risk of exposure each time a person leaves their home.
  - Schools should continue to follow CDC guidance regarding isolation following a Covid diagnosis (10 days from symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic and no fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms improving).
  - Parents should not send children to school sick.
  - JCPH will continue to monitor Covid activity within community schools. Schools will continue to notify JCPH of new positive Covid cases reported to school. JCPH will create an online reporting tool that schools will start using early in January.
  
- **Regina's COVID numbers** continue to decline, even though Johnson County has a 10%+ positivity rate currently.

- **Discussion on data to collect** to provide the Board of Education regarding the mask mandate once school resumes on January 3, 2022.
  - Current COVID numbers within Regina community
  - Johnson County transmission rates
  - Is the trend going up or down?
  - Hospitalization rates?
  - Vaccination rates of Regina students: Discussion on whether to ask parents to voluntarily indicate their child's vaccination status. K-12 or just K-6? It was decided that Regina K-6 will be asked to provide the vaccination status of their children so the Board of Ed has some data that would provide logic and justification for either proceeding with the mask mandate or lifting it on January 3. Joy will work on the survey and share it with the committee before it goes out to families on December 13. Families will be asked to complete the survey by Friday, December 17.
  - Return to Learn will convene on Monday, December 27 at 9:00 AM to review data points and formalize a recommendation about the mask mandate to the Regina Board of Education. Additionally, the committee will revisit how to handle prayer services/Masses if the mask mandate is lifted.
  
- **Question regarding the senior trip** to DC in the spring: Discussion regarding the fact that some of the sites scheduled for the trip require proof of vaccination to participate. Decided that Tim Foley will notify seniors and their parents of the requirement and start collecting copies of COVID immunization verification. Unvaccinated students will be provided with an alternative activity with one of the Regina chaperones.

**Meeting closed at 9:30 AM.**