

School Reopening Task Force Meeting

July 28, 2020

6pm - 8pm

Virtual Meeting - Streamed live and still available on [District Youtube Channel](#)

In-person at BCHS

6:02- The meeting was started and all Task Force Members were in attendance. Additional guests included Task Force Facilitators Mark Hansen and Chris Thompson.

Chris Thompson, task force facilitator, led the group through a review of where to locate the agenda and support materials. Tom Gehl, co-chair of the Task Force, summarized the work the Task Force has completed and the goal of tonight's meeting. Chris reviewed the agenda and meeting objectives.

6:08 - Chris reviewed Recommendation #3 and summarized what was discussed at the Task Force meeting on July 15, 2020. Chris introduced Recommendation #4 - a hybrid model. Chris demonstrated the new video technology that will be available in classrooms aimed to facilitate individual lessons and conversations and noted other details put into place to create a balance between in-person and virtual learning.

6:26 - Chris shared information on the Recommendation #5 - Flexibly Allocate Resources. Chris defined what resources have already been allocated to COVID response from the existing district budget and ESSER funds.

6:30- Chris introduced Recommendation #6 - Take Care of Yourself - as it applies to staff and families. Questions were fielded and it was noted that clarifications would be communicated and the need to be understanding and flexible is apparent.

6:48 - Mark Hansen reviewed that data that has been used and will continue to be tracked via the Waukesha County COVID dashboard.

7:10 - Chris reviewed Recommendation #2 - Safety Practices to be put in place. Dr. Hassan summarized staff input on face masks from the Town Hall meetings that were held July 27, 2020 and July 28, 2020. The group discussed and voted on requiring face masks for all staff and students, with the exception of students that are not able to wear a mask for medical/developmental reasons. The group voted 100% in favor of requiring masks.

7:30 - Chris Thompson defined the 3 Hybrid Model options to be considered. All hybrid models reduce capacities by 50%. The group ruled out option 3 and discussed options 1 and 2. The group was split evenly between options 1 and 2.

7:55 - Chris Thompson summarized the work of the Task Force and asked the group to develop the recommendation that will be forwarded to the Board of Education. Task force members voiced their opinion as to what model should be forwarded to the Board. At the end of the

conversation, task force members voted as follows: 15 in favor of a hybrid model, 12 in favor of 5-day, in-person approach, and 5 in favor of beginning with a virtual learning model. This vote was simply advisory to the Board, given current information at the end of July.

8:15- Chris summarized the Task Force's recommendations. He reviewed the objectives of the group and critical success factors. Mark Hansen gave closing remarks and thanked the group for their input and commitment to the Task Force

Next Steps: Staff survey will be deployed that will include the Task Force recommendations. Thursday, informational videos will be released to all families sharing Task Force recommendations. Next Tuesday, online registration opens and part of that process will include the option for families to share their preference for in-person, virtual or hybrid return to school. All the data will be collected and presented to the Board of Education on August 11th.

Resources used for the meeting

All resources for the meeting can be found on the District's [public website](#) dedicated to the work of the Task Force (www.elmbrookschools.org - Community - School Reopening Task Force).

8:21 - The meeting adjourned.