



Reopening School Committee Meeting Report October 26, 2020

Updates:

- Committee goal: Return as many students to full-time, in-person learning, as soon as possible, while maintaining appropriate health and safety mitigation measures.
- Work continues on all aspects of the implementation plan to be ready for K-5 reopening as soon as the health data trend indicates it is safe to do so.

Discussion:

K-5 Commitment Form Preliminary Data Analysis: 98% response rate with remaining families called by building principal (or designate). Current data indicates some changes to sections required in specific buildings/grade levels. Executive team examining ability for RLA students who chose in-person to return to hybrid. Determine any impact on RLA staff; while minimizing disruption to student-teacher relationships.

When a new return date is set, determine if existing commitments are still valid or resend commitment form (changing health data, time elapsed). Some parents chose full-time, in-person based on lack of a hybrid option. Continue professional learning to support implementation of synchronous instruction under hybrid (students in quarantine).

K-5 Implementation Plan: Look at alternate schedules K-12 to support full, in-person return (e.g., shortened day/no lunch). Simultaneously prepare Full Remote based on lessons learned. Identifying building-level furniture needs for full return (desks, tables). Further updates to be shared at the 10/27 BOE meeting along with the number of Special Education students who have returned in-person. All special populations are being considered for 4 day return (504, EL).

Parent Webinars: K-5 principals to run building-based sessions to field specific questions. CO to provide common framework to ensure consistency/responses to general questions. Consider using existing PTA meetings with CO reps, BOE members (on call) to handle district-level questions. Special education webinar being held with SEPTA. Topics for webinars to be collected through parents on the Reopening Committee, as well as through PTA Presidents (K. Flynn). Current topics from parent feedback: instruction (in-person and remote-sync), daily schedule, contrast with in-person 2019 (specials, recess/playgrounds, lunch, hallways, bathrooms, transportation, arrival/dismissal).

Health Data: Rise in cases generating more questions around contact tracing, district protocols (return to school post-testing or quarantine), cold/flu season guidance. CO to repackage existing information, provide templates for customized responses from building principals. Review C-19 Attendance policy, reiterate close collaboration between FPS and FHD

Next Steps (by next meeting):

- Collect additional parent questions/topics for webinars
- Create common framework for building-based sessions to be run by K-5 principals
- Repackage COVID information to address current needs
- Provide information on return to school plans by level
- Update on professional learning
- Move forward with RLA return to hybrid

Next Meeting: Monday, November 9