

# COVID-19 TASKFORCE MEETING

## March 25, 2021

*A summary of the meeting has been created, incorporating the chat from Zoom. Conversations have been aligned to the agenda items and where answers were provided verbally they have been summarized and highlighted. Following the meeting, answers to questions that have been added to the notes are also highlighted.*

**Superintendent Polly Bove welcomed the group and reviewed the purpose of the group and recent updates regarding student return to campus on April 19, 2021. See PowerPoint presentation attached with the meeting summary. Polly also provided an overview of future meetings:**

- April 8 further review of and preparation for the return to campus on April 19
- April 22 review of return to campus
- May 13 focus on the 21-22 school year

16:18:03 From a parent: At what age does the CDC define an "adult" for 6 foot spacing? A lot of our seniors are 18 years old.

16:19:11 From Polly Bove: I have sent this question to Public Health and I am waiting an answer. Trudy, do you know more?

16:19:13 From Trudy Gross: We understand that students, including those that are 18, will be considered students in terms of the CDC guidance. I am listening for any updates coming through County guidance.

16:21:58 From a parent: About band class, will it be held outdoors only? I'm concerned about students blowing their horns indoors, even if they're 3-6' apart.

16:22:13 From Greg Giglio: Yes, outdoors for wind and choir

16:22:24 From the same parent: Thanks.

### **Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Employee Development and Instruction**

Tom Avvakumovits provided an overview of the structure for discussion in break out rooms.

16:22:43 From Tom Avvakumovits: **questions to guide the break out room discussions**

- What are the big issues that need to be addressed for a smooth April 19 start?
- What are the questions that are specific to perhaps the parent and student community?
- What are the concerns of staff?
- What are areas that need to be communicated to the parent/student/staff community?
- What steps should the District take between now and our next meeting on April 8th?

16:22:55 From Graham Clark: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>

In response to discussion about vaccines for individuals 16 years and older.

**Tom welcomed everyone back from the break out rooms and asked one member from each group to share a 90-120 second overview of the discussion from their group. The notes from each group may be found in a separate attachment.**

17:05:15 From a teacher: Health check procedures – The burden of checking seems to be put on the teachers' shoulders.

17:10:08 From Greg Giglio: at HHS we are discussing how to do this as students come in with admin supervision

**Tom asked members to provide their feedback on the meeting in the chat.**

17:11:39 From Tom Avvakumovits: How did this meeting work for you? To what extent were your expectations met?

17:12:33 From a parent: I liked the framing by Polly at the beginning about purpose and timeframe. It would be great to share the notes and questions after the meeting and tee up some before the next meeting.

17:12:44 From a teacher: I loved that all the groups were represented.

17:12:47 From a student: I learned a lot about the reopening process and how things will work in the future.

17:13:07 From a classified staff member: The conversations were thoughtful and it was great hearing different perspectives from parents/students/staff and admins of key areas of concern.

17:13:43 From a parent: Worked well, Trudy is a great facilitator. I like that the breakouts were small and comprised of different stakeholders - admin, staff, counselor, parents. Also, was good we had opportunity for open comments.

17:13:50 From a parent: Great group initiative. Nice to mix up parents/staff/students from different high schools. Thoughtful exchanges.

17:13:53 From a parent: The format of the meeting worked well (part large group, part small group). I was under the impression that this committee would be focused on next fall and I worry that waiting until May might be too late? Would it be possible for half of the next meeting be dedicated to reopening in April, and half of the meeting be dedicated to starting to think about fall?

17:13:54 From a district nurse: The meeting was much more informative than I expected. It is easy to be consumed by the information one looks for and not see the information one does not look for... different perspectives are helpful.

17:13:58 From CSEA President: Breakout rooms were a great way to get meaningful discussion from the large group and all of the different stake holders.

17:13:59 From a parent: Really appreciate this task force group including diverse groups across the school, and the group also contributing towards building a more well informed and detailed process of how to return to school

17:14:14 From a teacher: I liked that the purpose of the day seemed to be “question-gathering”. I like that. Sometimes these meeting can be a “messaging practice,” which is fine, but it’s a little early for that. Again, question-gathering was good. I also appreciated the breakout rooms.

17:14:15 From a teacher: The opportunity to have a small group conversation in breakout rooms was valuable, and I appreciated the clear questions that we were to discuss. I liked that the groups were heterogeneous so we could hear perspectives from people in different positions. It was also helpful to have a quick summary of all the group conversations afterward.

17:14:20 From a teacher: It was really great to hear from the different groups and hear the concerns/questions/ideas. It was very informative.

17:14:29 From a parent: The breakout sessions were a great idea to get inputs from everyone, and a much more engaging discussion

17:14:45 From a principal: I appreciate the opportunity to gather questions.

17:14:47 From a district manager: I appreciated the small group dialogue and hearing from several of our staff members and students. Everyone provided valuable input.

17:14:47 From a student: Enjoyed meeting all of you!

17:14:49 From a teacher: I thought we'd give more input-on proposals rather than sharing questions that I hope would have been thought of before, feels like we are behind, small group discussion was good rather than a large group

17:14:50 From a student: I liked how organized the meeting was and how it was made clear what our purpose and goal is. The smaller breakout rooms made it easier to voice input. Also learned a lot myself.

17:14:51 From a district administrator: I appreciated the opportunity to think through the challenges and concerns with colleagues from various sites, as well as parents from our community. I actually enjoyed my role as a facilitator. I didn't know what to expect so I would say my expectations were exceeded. My main takeaway would be that we all need to be patient, understanding and gentle with each other (staff, students, families, community), as there will be a lot of big feelings involved as we go through this new transition.

17:14:52 From a principal: The meeting worked well as I enjoyed the small group conversation as I got to hear directly from students and staff as well as could answer some questions for them. I also really appreciated hearing the variety of ideas or concerns raised in the share out. This meeting exceeded my expectations because I did not expect to get so quickly into ideas and action steps

17:14:56 From a parent: I liked the format of today's meeting. Thanks for gathering everyone's input.

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17:15:00 From a teacher: I enjoyed hearing from the parents. It was nice to hear about their concerns and what they were hopeful for.

17:15:05 From a principal: I enjoyed hearing the questions/concerns from the parents and student in my group!

17:15:06 From a trustee: It was great to hear the various perspectives. Discussion through Breakout session was great.

17:15:06 From a teacher: I enjoyed working in breakout rooms and hearing from a variety of perspectives from different site and various stake holders.

17:15:06 From a teacher: The breakout rooms were a productive way for all voices to be heard. It was refreshing to hear comments from all stakeholders involved.

17:15:07 From a parent: The breakout session was very helpful.

17:15:09 From a parent: This meeting was constructive. The discussions and dialog will help better inform how to clearly communicate the many different components of returning to school in person. I appreciate being part of this team and providing input.

17:15:14 From a parent: Thank you - this was a great idea and a well composed for representation group.

17:15:18 From a guidance counselor: I like the format of the meeting and working in a small group.

17:15:25 From a parent: Quick question: can student who wants to come back 2 days/week switch to 4 days/week later on? Thanks. **We will be establishing a process for requesting and implementing changes.**

17:15:28 From a parent: Break room works great, it's good to hear from different perspectives!

17:15:29 From a student: I enjoyed the back-and-forth that allowed us to more thoroughly flesh out some of the ideas that our group had.

17:15:31 From a classified staff member: Well organized and was great to hear that all the schools are having similar questions and concerns

17:15:39 From a teacher: I am looking forward to reading the answers to all our questions so that I can share them with my colleagues and our students.

17:15:39 From a student: I really liked the breakout rooms and small group conversations. The mix of perspectives was really nice and got me thinking of even more questions that I hadn't even thought of. This was super informative, and one thing I would like to emphasize is making sure there's some way for students to get all this info, as there is a lot of uncertainty in the student body right now about how things are going to look like.

17:15:56 From a parent: It was a really good discussion and approach to have these meetings so we can understand in more details and shape the outcome of this challenging time together.

17:16:22 From a district nurse: It was a great opportunity to hear students, parents, and staff concerns regarding school reopening.

17:16:44 From a parent: This conversation met my expectation and was even beyond it. I just hope as PTSA Rep we'll have some info and/or Q/A and/or protocols to share with the parent community as needed.

After members provided their feedback on the meeting they departed. Next meeting is Thursday, April 8 from 4-5:30 p.m.