SCC Minutes December 1, 2020
Attendees
Aaron Fischer
Mary Kathryn Harman
Kirsten Corbett
Natalie Smith
Greta Griffiths
Deana Luckett
Tim Miller
Sara Westover
Kelly Lear
Courtney Haynes
Julie McDermott

SCC - There will be a January SCC meeting! Jan 12, 2021 at 7:45 on Zoom
Thanks to Principal Miller for his weekly letters :) 

SIC Update - BH’s return to school plan questions will be addressed in Principal’s Report
Principal 200’s Club- Teachers collect names of students who display positive behavior. Tim will draw names to win CostaVida gift cards and winners will be announced in Maggie’s weekly email and possibly on the Beacon website.
Teachers will begin sending students postcards :)

Acadience Testing K-3 is Dec. 15, 2020. Six testers available, not very many, students will be spread out throughout the day to allow for a safe testing environment.
Dec. 15 is also picture retakes. Retakes for K-3 will coincide with Acadience testing. Maggie will provide a schedule for grades 4-6 retakes.

Reading Inventory Test window is December - Feb for grades 4-6. Maze reading test is optional.

Professional Development - Amplify Reading is available to Beacon through the district. Amplify picks up after Lexia is completed. Our Literacy Coach will provide Lexia training for teachers new to the program. Math and Science Professional Development - Tim will discuss goals with teachers, Math Coach, Anna, to work with teachers and Science Coach from the district will work with teachers on new curriculum requirements.

Small groups are happening in person and on Zoom. K ability grouped students are meeting on Zoom. Teachers choose Zoom for safety reasons, find they are successful over Zoom small groups.
Noted - Beacon teachers diagnosed with Covid 19 continued to teach through diagnosis and recovery, AMAZING.

PTA Update
Nominations for PTA President, President Elect and Treasurer are open. Anyone can submit a nomination. PTA is asking for recommendations from Maggie and Melissa as well as teachers. SCC chairs will sit on the PTA nominating committee. Read-A-Thon is in January. Teachers voted and agreed to count minutes, Julie Hall and Emily DeJong will head the committee.
**Principal Update**

Review of visit to elementary school in Jordan including photos of desks 3-4’ apart, masks optional on the playground, assigned cafeteria seating for the year and an extended lunch service (2.5 hours). Tim noted arrows painted on walls for wayfinding, painted dots for line spacing etc. Substitutes will be a hurdle upon returning to school. Other procedures being discussed include entrance and exits, doors will be propped open for dismissal. Meeting concluded with questions asked by SCC attendees and answered by Principal Miller and Ms. Luckett. The subject of parent substitutes was briefly discussed.

**Return to School Plan Q and A:**

**Q.** Is Beacon considering moving up Return to School start date as allowed by the district?

A. Beacon is not moving up the start date.

**Q.** Beacon’s numbers are down 23%, with few numbers why not consider a gradual plan of in person small groups that grow to larger in person small groups beginning earlier than the proposed end of January date?

A. Beacon wants to be ready and avoid any unnecessary commotion. This planning time allows SIC to meet weekly and determine what our faculty needs to safely teach.

**Q.** Will Beacon Students who remain remote be moved to a general online program or stay online through Beacon?

A. Remote Beacon students will remain at Beacon, with a Beacon teacher. In certain cases of small remote learner numbers, Beacon students might be grouped in a pod with other students from a few partner schools to make a larger class size. The teacher may or may not be from Beacon.

**Q.** Will Parents/ Guardians know their student’s teacher before making the decision to return to school or stay remote?

A. No. Decisions on which teachers remain remote or return to in person learning will be numbers based as determined by the survey coming out next Monday.

**Q.** Is the Survey Beacon specific?

A. The survey is a set district survey with a Beacon specific section.

**Q.** What about families who do not respond to the survey, how will Beacon account for those numbers?

A. Beacon will contact anyone who does not participate in the survey for an accurate number count.
Q. When do you expect the survey results?
   A. By the end of next week.

Q. Will the school week be a hybrid week or regular week?
   A. School will follow the current schedule Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are in person days. Wednesday is a digital day. The school day will run very close to our 8:45 - 3:15 day.

Q. Is it possible the new SLCSD Board members and a change in Covid numbers might change our return to school date?
   A. Yes

Q. Will temperatures be taken prior to entering the building?
   A. No. Beacon asks that all symptom checks be done at home.

Q. What safety guidelines are in place and will this relate to the PBIS system?
   A. Student Rules and Procedures will cover Covid 19 protocols and will be clearly communicated.

Q. So many kids are afraid these days. Can Beacon implement rules and procedures without instilling fear in the students?
   A. Yes

Q. Can Parents/ Guardians get an idea of Beacon’s protocols prior to answering the survey?
   A. Yes, we will put something together.

Q. Is there a plan for students who need to be out sick? Will they be moved to the remote learning classroom or will packets of work be sent home?
   A. There is no sure answer yet. Teachers are following the same curriculum so moving to the online classroom could be an option. These are details Beacon is working on.
Q. If someone tests Covid Positive will the entire grade quarantine?

A. Right now Beacon is following Health Department Guidelines:

People who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 are at an increased risk of getting infected and infecting others. Close contact means someone was closer than 6 feet or 2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) to a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or longer in a 24-hour period. Contact tracing is how public health workers find the close contacts of someone who has COVID-19. Anyone who was in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 will be asked to quarantine.*

Q. Are parent volunteers allowed in the school?

A. No, as is the case for schools we visited.

Q. Is there talk of class size cut-off (both min and max)

A. For small remote class sizes, Beacon students can be put in a pod of other students from area schools. Max class size is being discussed. 6th grade is an example, what will two classes of 30 students look like under social distance protocols?

Q. Will there be open enrollment and what might this look like? What about our out of boundary students?

A. Yes, our in boundary students who left are welcome to return allowing our 23% of missing students to return. Out of boundary students who ARE NOT currently enrolled will not be eligible to return, out of boundary students who ARE currently enrolled are eligible.

Q. Will K return to full or half day?

A. Full day

Q. Will students have PE, Art, Library?

A. Yes, specials might look different but they will happen. Library might come to the classrooms for example. We are trying to eliminate areas where multiple students visit class after class.

Q. How often were outbreaks at the schools you visited?

A. The school Beacon visited has 700 students, 500 in person and 200 remote. They have reported 3 total Covid cases this year.