

# COVID-19 TASKFORCE MEETING

## April 8, 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**.*

**Superintendent Polly Bove welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their** participation. She reviewed the purpose of the taskforce (slide 2) and today's agenda (slide 3). She then shared updates on returning for in-person instruction on April 19 (slide 4) including the number of students who are returning (slide 5). Polly highlighted recent activities that students have been engaged in on campus (slide 6) and preparations being made on our campuses (slide 7).

**Associate Superintendent of Student and Special Services Trudy Gross provided** information and updates in connection with questions that came up during our first meeting (slide 8).

**FHS Principal Bryan Emmert, HHS Principal Greg Giglio and MVHS Principal Ben Clausnitzer** shared various elements of their return to campus planning including student orientation (slide 9).

16:21:02 From a parent: Having the face mask fit snugly on the face is very important in addition to covering nose and mouth. Gaps on the sides should be minimized.

16:34:05 From a parent: How did we divide the students into 2 or 4 days? **Through the commitment process and then by assignment of our student information system.** How many students are in a "group"? **The groups are coordinated with room capacity, typically between 12-20.**

16:35:50 From a parent: Can groups be mixed together? I.e., 2 days and 4 days, for instance. **Yes, students who are attending 2 days are integrated with students attending 4 days.**

**Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Employee Development and Instruction Tom Avvakumovits** provided an overview of the structure for discussion in break out rooms (slide 10).

16:36:56 From Tom Avvakumovits: **questions to guide the break out room discussions**

- To what extent were the questions this committee raised last time addressed today?
- What additional questions concerns questions might you have?
- If you were to give the Principal or Superintendent one or two most important things to consider for April 19th, what would it be?

**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 may be found in a separate attachment.

17:01:05 From a parent: Does it make sense to find a way to secure vaccines for students on campus? While 16+ are eligible starting on 4/15, but if such a program can be put into place. It helps with the safety of students and helps with a faster return to more in person learning.

17:01:46 From a parent: Maybe it'll be a good idea to have a notebook/electronic one that at the end of each day students write what was good, what needed to be improved, other requests/concerns/remarks.

17:06:31 From a teacher: +1 for student's advisory idea!

17:06:55 From a principal: +1 yes. Use this structure we have.

17:07:08 From Polly Bove to Everyone : agreed

17:08:15 From a student: thanks! advisory has been really great for students to get more information, especially now since every student will be online for advisory, it'll be a great opportunity for students to reflect

17:13:20 From a parent: but can in class students get priority? like people going to work

### **Polly thanked everyone for their participation.**

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

17:19:16 From Tom Avvakumovits to Everyone : 1) to what extent did today's meeting meet your expectations? 2) What suggestions might you have for next meeting?

17:20:10 From Parent: 1) Great clarity in the answers given. Thanks!

17:20:15 From Parent: Efficient and effective format. Love to track data on hybrid program starting on 4/19.

17:20:15 From Principal: The meeting met my expectations. I am ready to get going on next fall.

17:20:26 From Parent: I think the meeting was very informative and helpful. Questions were addressed. Continue with the breakout groups. Very helpful to have smaller group for discussion.

17:20:29 From Parent: 1) I hoped that we would talk more about the fall, but other than that, it was great! (2) There seems to be a push to get kids back to school—it's being touted as "great"

17:20:34 From Teacher: I hope we can hear how things are going. What can we learn from other campuses to make our experience even better.

17:20:38 From Teacher: 1- the meeting was ok...2-I know there's a huge focus on 4-19, but we also need to prioritize discussions about August. I sincerely hope that we are moving to that conversation very soon.

17:20:39 From Parent: I'm happy with today's meeting. I'll gather feedback from the HHS parent community and email that feedback to Trudy in prep for next meeting.

17:20:40 From Trudy: 2 - I am looking forward to starting talking about the fall. I hope that we will be proactive and prepared than this fall.

17:20:43 From Parent: This was my first meeting and it was a great discussion!

17:20:43 From Parent: 1) The presentation by the principals were very informative and gave a good insight on what to expect when school opens.

17:20:48 From Teacher: I thought the breakout room structure did a good job of allowing for conversations and dialogue. Our group did not have any students, so I would love to be able to hear their perspective during our discussions

17:20:58 From Parent: I like the breakout structure

17:20:58 From Teacher: 1. I liked how we circled back to last week's questions and made sure that those were answered before tackling new questions. 2. For next meeting, I'd like to start discussing the fall because I think that's going to be very tricky.

17:20:59 From Teacher: Meet the expectation- members felt that their questions were addressed and concerns heard. Informative in the large and small groups, good to hear the different questions that come up as gives insight into other thinking. Suggestions- none

17:21:02 From Parent: 1) Met expectations. Good breakout group. Really appreciate Trudy facilitating it. 2) Let's start planning for a really successful grand full reopening of the schools in August, making the schools welcome and inviting for all students (those that came back for hybrid and those that did not).

17:21:04 From Teacher: The meeting met my expectations. I am very interested in allowing students on campus during school for just their performing arts class.

17:21:04 From Parent: The meeting has been very effective. The breakout room models is working very well and we should continue.

17:21:04 From Parent: Could you create a feedback protocol that will help improve after students are back and will be a live doc.

17:21:12 From Parent: Some discussion on whether kids will feel pressured to come back, even if their family or personal situation does not allow for them to do so, should be considered.

17:21:17 From Parent: These meetings have been quite constructive. They are great. Next meeting: Can there be feedback on the 1st day back from teachers? What went well, what didn't? Thank you again for the chance to contribute to this committee and to the district. I wish I were going back to school on 4/19!!!

17:21:20 From CSEA President: 1) met my expectations. 2) Let's just review where we are: what's working well at sites, what needs improvement.

17:21:21 From Student: I think this meeting went really well. It was great to hear the parent and teacher perspective, and I think all the concerns were addressed. For the next meeting, I think some good topics would be reflecting on how hybrid is going and seeing what the fall may look like, and what students, teachers, and parents want the fall to look like

17:21:21 From Student: I love our meeting formats, it allows us to collect so many voices in an efficient manner. I do agree that we might want to start focusing on what the Fall model will look like, which would probably be heavily influenced by how our model in April goes!

17:21:22 From Parent: 1) the meeting met my expectations for April 19th reopening. I'm still worried that we're falling behind for starting to plan for the August reopening (I guess that's the suggestion for next time)

17:21:32 From Parent: Meeting met my expectations and more - great to see all the prep being done to educate students, parents and staff about protocols and expectations. Next meeting would be great to have some feedback about how re-opening is going.

17:21:39 From Student: 1) I appreciated the small rooms for each of us to be able to talk about our questions.

17:21:47 From Principal: 1. I was hoping to hear that questions had been answered and people were feeling more informed, and that is the message that came through from each group so very satisfied with that 2. It would be nice for next meeting to hear stories and experiences from all our stakeholders as to what was going well and what needs some work, by all stakeholders I mean in-person students, remote students, parents of either group, teachers, classified, admin.

17:21:50 From Teacher: 1 - The meeting was well paced and organized. Very informative.

17:22:00 From Principal: 1) The conversation was helpful. I understand how our efforts at LHS have met the needs of students and parents. 2) Next meeting, I would like to hear stories about how the first week or so of hybrid learning has been for students and families.

17:22:00 From Student: 1) This is my first meeting but I think that it did meet my expectations, I'm quite happy with the breakout room discussions we have as it let us have easier conversations. The principal presentations were also very helpful. 2) I suggest we continue using breakout rooms and also maybe having breakout room discussions where parents, staff, and students talk separately so we can see the perspectives from the different groups

17:22:13 From Trustee: 1) It was great to see all the communication on logistics of reopening campus since the last meeting. 2) It will be great to develop how to gather feedback from students and staff on campus after reopening. Thank you!

17:22:20 From District Nurse: As with the last meeting, it was interesting to hear other people's perspectives. No one knows what the Fall has in store for us. Hopefully EVERYONE will follow the health and safety guidelines set by the state/county to maximize our chances of an as normal as possible reopening.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 22 from 4-5:30 p.m. We will begin with an overview of return to campus and then focus on the 21-22 school year.