

Westport School Committee
Work Session
DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2020
Time 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual Meeting

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Members Present: Michelle Orlando, Melissa Pacheco, Nancy Stanton Cross, Nancy Tavares, Antonio Viveiros

Also Present: Thomas Aubin Assistant Superintendent / WJSHS Principal, Dr. Gary Reese, Superintendent, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, Stacey Duquette WES Principal, Cheryl Greeson MAC Principal, 113 Community Participants

I. Call to Order - Chair Viveiros opened the Virtual School Committee Meeting at 6:40 pm.

Chair Viveiros announced:

This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, Section 20.

II. Fall Re-Entry Planning Update - Dr. Reese and the administration team is working on the re-entry plan and getting guidance from the state to develop the best plan that is safe for everyone. An update on survey results showed an increase of students choosing remote only setting. Discussion took place on the impact of staffing and class needs.

Dr. Reese shared a presentation entitled *Westport Community School Reimagining Teaching and Learning*. A phased in approach is being proposed.

Phase 1 - Pre-K, K, Gr. 1 will be fully in person with some families choosing 100% remote. Gr 2 will be hybrid, Grades 3-12 100% remote.

Phase 2 - On September 28, depending on results of the HVAC cleaning and HEPA installation, Grades 3-6 will be in person/hybrid, with families choosing 100% remote.

Phase 3 - On October 13, Grades 7 and 8 move to a hybrid model, with families choosing 100% remote.

On October 19, Grades 9-12 return in hybrid model, with families choosing 100% remote.

Dr. Reese reported elementary numbers for fully remote, full in person, with how many classes at each grade level.

Staffing needs for proposed model - Position reductions and additions were explained/ \$100,000 additional costs.

Remote teacher sample schedule - Schedules were shown with times and subjects. Gr. 1, 30 students, group a and group b.

Shifting between models - Students that start remote need to stay remote through end of trimester. There would be no change in teacher.

Discussion took place on additional staff and funding source.

Ms. Duquette explained the remote class structure at WES. She clarified at the WES additional staff would be needed only if students were 100% in person. Class sizes can be maintained if they are hybrid. Spacing is a concern and class sizes need to be limited.

Ms. Duquette gave out two emails for questions on WES pick up information. Also posted on the webpage. Email sduquette@westportschools.org OR wespickup@westportschools.org

There is a need for an alternative plan because of the results from the survey showing more remote students. Discussions will continue on how to best service everyone.

Ms. Pacheco requested a timeline of events.

Ms. Greeson requested two additional staff in order to support the needs of K-2 using Westport teachers and district standards. A total of 60 students are remote. Survey results recently obtained changed the numbers. Additional staff members needed are a Special Education teacher and a Grade 2 classroom teacher. Shifting staff will also be done.

Mr. Aubin reported events that will take place include a 1-hour training on Friday and Monday on dynamic training with Infinite Fitness, introduction to acting program, branding and job interviewing seminars. Also, will be looking into e-gaming. Chromebook distribution is tomorrow in cafeteria from 7:30 am. - 2:15 pm.

Mr. Aubin thanked committee members for all their support and hard work.

III. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn the School Committee Work Session.
Motion by Stanton Cross, seconded by Pacheco 5/0/0

The School Committee Work Session ended at 8:02 pm.