

Special Education Parent Partnership Committee Meeting Minutes

10/23/2020

1:00-2:00

Members Present: Kristi Flesher, Corinna Graner, Aaron Ruhland, Emily Bremner-Forbes, Aimee Libby, Ali Howe, Andrea Combs, Molly Meyer, Robin Gipson, Iris Erickson

The meeting began with introductions between all members. The group welcomed its newest member, Aimee Libby. Kristi Flesher reviewed the agenda and began with reporting new staff and staff that have changed positions.

New to the Orono team for 20/21 are:

Kendall Johnson, Middle School Special Education Teacher
Katherine Carlson, High School Special Education Teacher
Lisa Kermode, Transition Teacher
Alyssa Rademacher, ADSIS Behavior Support Specialist
Rebecca Maille, Middle School Health Clerk

Returning staff in new positions include:

Cara Forbrook, Intermediate School Special Education Teacher
Brooke Hardman, ADSIS Mental Health Support
Ellen Fritz, Schumann Elementary Speech Pathologist
Mallory Purdy, Special Education Reserve Teacher

The meeting continued to discuss learning models and the decision making process in regard to COVID case count. Kristi Flesher also shared the 14-day case rate per 10,000 based upon our region. We are now classified as a part of the western suburban Hennepin county region. Kristi introduced the brand new COVID-19 dashboard that will be available to the public on the Orono Schools website here: <https://orono.k12.mn.us/special-services/health/covid-19-dashboard/> This dashboard tracks positive COVID-19 cases present in District buildings from the start of the school year onward. The group discussed the dashboard and provided input on what other information they might want to include.

The meeting was then opened up for feedback. Feedback focused on what is and isn't working in classrooms and online. The group asked Kristi to consider more dedicated time with paras for online learners along with social Zoom calls. Dr. Ruhland added that this input was invaluable as they consider how to engage with more students. Kristi shared that overall, the students are tolerating masks extremely well and doing well across the varied learning models.

The next meeting will be Friday, December 4th from 1:00-2:00pm via Google Meet. The planned topic of discussion is executive function.