

1 Parent Advisory Group

2 December 9, 2020

3 LPS committee: Kurt Moellering, Gretchen Petersen, Amy Davis, Jen Thorell and Debby Worcester

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5 LPS community participants: Tim Flood, Rachel Clouse, Christine Carey, Lori & Rich Day, Stacey Suckerman,
6 Christina Chatalian, John Sasso

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9 COVID Update:

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11 Daily updated from the state: 66.1 per 100K

12 LPS looks at other schools to see how they are doing

13 Work with DESE and Board of Health in Newton

14 State moved to Phase 3, Step 1

15 Keep more safe

16 Restrict gatherings

17 Face masks on until eat when at restaurants

18 But schools should be open especially special education

19 LPS wants to be as safe as possible at all times

20 We have had 3 positive cases

21 1 before Thanksgiving break

22 Everyone was informed after LPS found out

23 Other 2 positive where during Thanksgiving break and quarantined while
24 school was out

25 If we have a positive case in school we would shut down for 5 days for everyone
26 and go remote

27 Continue to monitor kids and families

28 Having a week of remote after winter break

29 Tents coming down due to the weather

30 Communication is key with parents:

- 31 • If a student wants to go from remote to in-person we need at least 1 week
- 32 notice. Some rooms need to be reorganized to be sure social distancing
- 33 • Also, student out not feeling well either remote or in-person is significant this year
- 34 LPS needs to be in the loop.

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37 Winterizing School:

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39 Air changes per hour

- 40 • Occupational Health & Safety Company measured air exchange in each room
- 41 • Hepa filters have been purchased and putting in room that need more air exchange
- 42 • Each room should have air exchange 4-6 times per hour

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44 Spreading the LPS word:

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46 Mailing to 450 professionals

47 Educational consultants, neuro, admission depts, and advocates

48 Kurt wanting to explain all the amazing services at LPS

49 Presentations to the professionals

50 3 Pillar of LPS:

- 51 • Academic – 2 English/Language Classes everyday, Wilson trained teachers, SPL,
52 O.T.

53 writing programs

- Whole Child Approach – Social thinking, every student has a counselor making sure every child feels comfortable and learning
- College & Career readiness – Senior program and how to prepare for the real world

Snow Days:

Weather related closure for school – we will have classes remote
Day 1 is asynchronous – work supplied and office hours on google classroom
Day 2 & beyond – normal remote full day classes

Speaker Series:

Dr. David Stein, Psychologist – spoke last week on zoom

- Overview why to have a neuro
- What it does to have one
- And what services you would receive
- Part 2 – more involved with a neuro

Other speakers to come

Schedule changes:

Expanding cohorts

Students combined

5th and 6th graders

7th graders

8th graders

10th graders

11th grade students remain separate – too many

9th & 12 graders were already combined

Staff crossing cohorts

5th & 6th graders

7th & 8th graders

9th & 11 graders

10th & 12th graders

More in-person learning

Class sizes reduced

MCAS:

Jan-February HS MCAS ELA & Math 11th graders no longer, has been postponed

Grade 12th will take the test twice if have not passed

January testing window extended from January 14, 2021 through February 12, 2021

Letters will be sent out to students that need to take the test

Student Citizenship:

Teachers nominate a student for a Student Citizenship prize

Students name is written on a slip that is then drawn every week

Has to do with behavior staying in-line with core values of school

07 Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Compassion and Honesty
08 If a student's name is drawn, they get to choose from a variety of gift cards
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10 Remote week:

11 Last week remote classes went very well
12 Student participated in zoom classes
13 Completed google classroom assignments
14 Followed regular schedules for a full day
15 Support staff was available to all students
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18 Friends & Family Fund Drive:

19 New video was shown
20 Why gift to LPS?
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23 Question: Christine Carey, wanted to know if a computer and transition instructor were hired?

24 Answer: Yes, a transition instruction has been hired. His name is Chris and he is training this week.

25 He will officially start on Monday. And yes, to the computer instructor. He is moving to
26 Mass. so will start remote and will officially start in-person after January break.
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28 Question: Tim Flood, wanted to say that his daughter 9th grader says the schedule changes are very good.

29 Are there going to be any After School programs coming?

30 Answer: No not as of right now. We have not begun those conversations yet, very challenging with
31 social distancing and is a big challenge as numbers in Mass. go so high. We will look toward the
32 Spring.
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34 Question: Lori Day, daughter just started on Monday at LPS. Wanted to know if LPS has an endowment?

35 Answer: No we do not. But looking forward to starting one.
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