

Saucon Valley School District
Academic and Personnel Committee
July 21, 2020 – 5 pm
ZOOM Meeting

Welcome to the meeting of the Academic and Personnel Committee. Our objective is to serve the students, parents, and residents of our community. You are an important part of this meeting and we look forward to your questions and comments.

We are all here for the same reason. All opinions are welcomed and equally valuable. Our only request is that we address each other with civility and respect. Our courtesy toward each other is the best way to show our students how much we respect them as well.

**Committee Members - Susan Baxter, Cedric Dettmar, Tracy Magnotta,
Shamim Pakzad**

Committee Agenda

- I. **Call to the Order** – *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*

- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- III. **Recording of Attendance** – *Tracy Magnotta, Committee Chair*

- IV. **Motion to Approve Agenda**

- V. **Approval of Minutes** – July 1, 2020

- VI. **Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors – Agenda Items Only** – *Visitors should state their name and address*

- VII. **Discussion**
 - 1. Professional Development Review 2019-20 – Preview Opening Day 2020-21
 - 2. Update Health & Safety Plan
 - 3. Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming
 - 4. Return to Marching Band Plan 2020

- VIII. **New Business**

- IX. **Old Business**

- X. **Citizens' Inquiries and Comments** – *Visitors should state their name and address.*

XI. Announcements

Future Meetings ~

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

The Saucon Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

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Policy

Title – 221 Dress and Grooming

Section – 200 Pupils

Adopted – July 26, 2006

Revised –

Content

The Board recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference.

The Board has the authority to impose limitations on students' dress in school.

The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents/guardians to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices disrupt the educational program of the schools or affect the health and safety of others.

When student dress may constitute student expression, Policy 220 Student Expression shall apply.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, technical education, extracurricular activities, or other situations where special attire may be required to ensure the health or safety of the student.

The building principal or designee shall be responsible to monitor student dress and grooming and to enforce Board policy and school rules governing student dress and grooming.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all rules implementing this policy impose only the minimum necessary restrictions on the exercise of the student's taste and individuality.

Staff members shall be instructed to demonstrate by example positive attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, propriety, modesty, and good sense in attire and appearance.

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Return to Marching Band Plan 2020

Overview

This plan assumes that Saucon Valley School District 2020 – 2021 school will be taking place in person on campus starting on Monday, August 24th, 2020. This plan was developed and personalized from the following sources:

- [PA Department of Education Phased Reopening of Schools](#)
- [National Association for Music Education Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education](#)
- [Cavalcade of Bands Guide to Restarting the Marching Arts](#)
- [PIAA Return to Play Guidance](#)

Protocols

1. Prior to August 3rd, every band member must attend an education session explaining the symptoms of COVID-19 and outlining Saucon Valley's Return to Marching Band Plan. The session will address symptoms, sanitation, instrument cleaning procedures, and what to do if you're experiencing symptoms. This session will be done virtually, recorded, and later posted on the Marching Band website. Students will then sign an electronic acknowledgement form confirming they watched the meeting and understand everything in regards to the Return to Marching Band.
2. At the beginning of every Marching Band event (rehearsal and performances), a health screening will take place for all students, staff, and necessary volunteers.
 - a. Will include temperature check and screening questions. Responses to screening questions will be recorded and stored to assist with contact tracing. Any person with symptoms will not be allowed to take part in Marching Band events until symptoms subside.
 - b. Screening cannot be administered by parents or students.
3. Anyone attending a marching band rehearsal needs to bring with them a personal filled water bottle. No bottles will be shared. Students will not be permitted at practice without a water bottle.

The school district cannot provide water. It is recommended to bring a water bottle of that holds at least one liter.

4. All staff and volunteers must wear face covering at all times, unless doing so jeopardizes their health or prevents musical performance.
5. Student performers will wear a mask at all times, except when they are performing or participating in sustained physical activity. Gaiter style face coverings are recommended, as they are easy to remove off the face when playing an instrument.
6. No meals will be served for groups on district property by staff, parents, volunteers, or students. Meal times or break times during rehearsals will be organized so that students are outside and encouraged to be six feet apart.
7. Any band meeting dealing with logistics, not marching or music, will be held virtually.
8. An on hand supply of disinfectants will be readily available.
9. No cash transactions will be allowed for any payments.
10. Uniform sizing and distribution will be delayed to as close to the beginning of the school year as possible or a secondary uniform will be utilized until it is safe to run uniform fitting.

Rehearsal Considerations

1. Rehearsals will occur outside as frequently as possible. Assuming district buildings are not available, if inclement weather is predicted, the director will communicate cancellation at least one hour prior to the beginning of rehearsal via Remind app.
2. Assuming district buildings are available, students and staff will continue rehearsal inside in groups of no more than 25 in large spaces (auditorium, gym, cafeteria)
3. Drop off and pick up to and from rehearsals will occur outside, one in the cafeteria parking lot, one in the bus loop, and one at the bandroom's outside door. At the drop off, students will be screened and then permitted to move to the marching band field.
 - a. Students driving themselves to practice need to park every other space when able to do so.
 - b. Students and parents carpooling will report to the same screening area.
 - c. Parents who drop off their child need to stay in their vehicle.

4. Students must transport their individual instruments/flags to and from every rehearsal.
 - a. Members of the Front Ensemble will be the only students allowed in the band room. Only Front Ensemble students may enter and leave the bandroom directly through it's outside door. The door leading to the 600 hallway always needs to be closed and locked.
5. During outside rehearsals, students will keep all belongings at the sideline, spaced every yardline apart. Half of the band will be on the Panther Way side of the field, the other half will be on the high school side of the field.
6. Every effort will be made to ensure that students, staff, and volunteers will always be at a 6-foot distance minimum.
7. Any shared musical equipment, flags, or rifles will be wiped down with disinfectant thoroughly before and after use.
8. Students will need to make every effort possible to only touch the equipment they personally will need. No helping move Front Ensemble instruments, color guard equipment, or rehearsal equipment. Every piece of equipment should be touched by the same person every day.
9. Students will be encouraged to shower and wash their rehearsal clothing immediately upon returning home.
10. No supplementary socializing will be allowed on district property.
11. No group snacks will be allowed before August 24th.
12. Outdoor bathrooms at the stadium will be available, but after use will need to be sanitized by student using bathroom.
13. In case of passing short inclement weather (less than half an hour), students will continue rehearsal under the shelter next to the bus loop, still remaining outside.