



## **REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) met on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 11:30 AM in the Rosa E. Blackwell Interactive Learning Center, located at 2651 Burnet Avenue, 45219.

The public viewed the meeting via Video Conference.

### **ATTENDEES**

#### Health and Safety Committee Members

Chairperson Melanie Bates, Eve Bolton, Ben Lindy (*Attended Remotely*)

#### Administration/Staff

Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer (*Attended Remotely*)

### **Safe Routes Committee Report**

Ms. Trimble-Oliver reported that the group met May 28, 2020. She reported that parents, teachers, City Council members, the Health Department, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Neighborhood Councils, and the Cincinnati Police Department were in attendance at the meeting.

The Committee's focus is Vision Zero for Youth Pedestrian accidents. Her update included a systemic analysis for the Cincinnati Safe Routes to School and Vision Zero for Youth. The data driven report included:

- Roadway Safety Approaches
- School Travel Safety Analysis
- High Risk Roadway Variables
- Data Sources
- Crash Analysis
- Cincinnati Youth Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes
- Risk Factors and Sample Size
- Preliminary Results
- Crash rate per mile by number of roadway risk factors
- Next Steps
- Eventual Goals

A copy of the report is available in the Board office.

Ms. Trimble-Oliver reported that the Travel Plan will be completed by late 2020, or early 2021.

ACTION: The Committee advised the Administration to provide an inventory of safety groups within the District (youth safety groups, crossing guards, etc.).

ACTION: Ms. Trimble-Oliver will provide the Committee with a list of Safe Routes Committee members.

ACTION: Committee member Bolton inquired as to how Transportation/Safe Routes to School will impact short- and long-term situation in the District. Ms. Trimble-Oliver will reach out to Loren Johnson, Director of Transportation, to talk with him about how to incorporate Safe Routes into the transportation concerns.

The Committee recommended including the LSDMCs to assist in finding ways to help students be safe while walking to school, based on those living certain miles from the school.

ACTION: Chairperson Bates advised the Administration to look into using [Wasson Way](#) as a path to walking and riding bikes to school.

*Wasson Way is a 7.6 mile mixed use trail that goes from Victory Parkway near Xavier University through 12 local neighborhoods and connects to the Little Miami Bike trail. <http://wassonway.org/>*

### **CPS and County Coronavirus Data Overview Briefing**

Ms. Trimble-Oliver updated the Committee on COVID-19 conditions in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County that was provided by the Hamilton County Health Department, as of July 22, 2020. Her report (available in the Board office) included information on the following variables:

- Total Cases and Deaths for the City of Cincinnati, Trends, Positive COVID-19 cases by neighborhood (Westwood had the higher cases as of July 22, 2020); Regional data for Hamilton County, Data per capita and a Summary of Alert Indicators for Hamilton County, as well as the level alerts for each county.

Committee member Bolton reiterated Ms. Trimble-Oliver's report on the District's Safety Plan for reopening the schools that was discussed at the Board's July 13, 2020, regular business meeting. The report included plans contained on CPS' COVID-19 Dashboard on reopening schools and plans that will be in effect based on the data.

Committee member Bolton reported that the District is monitoring the data and an update about the data and trends will take place at the Board's August 3, 2020 regular business meeting to determine if the opening plan needs to be adjusted to make a recommendation to reopen schools with the Blended Learning Format.

Committee member Lindy expressed the importance of communicating with parents as soon as possible about what the plan will be in order to allow parents to plan.

Chairperson Bates reported that the District is huge and not to use Westwood as a barometer to make a decision for the whole District, but to make decisions for particular parts of town where it could be safe for students to go school by using the State's Level 1-4 Color Coded alert data.

**ACTION:** The Committee advised the Administration to review possibly opening certain schools based on trends in the different neighborhoods. The Committee will discuss their request with the Board at the August 3, 2020 regular business meeting.

**Mental Health Service**

Francie Wolgin, Executive Director for Growing Well, and Susan Shelton, Executive Director for Mind Peace, will submit written reports to the Committee and provide an update at the August 20, 2020, 11:30 am Health and Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

**Health and Safety Committee**

Melanie Bates, Chair  
Eve Bolton  
Ben Lindy

**Staff Liaisons**

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent, *absent*  
Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent, *absent*  
Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer