

Re-Entry Governance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2020
3:30 p.m.

Attendees: Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue
Kathy June (Secretary)
Matt Correia
Kristin Larson
Kristen Bonacci
Meredith Walsky

Dr. Rodrigue stated this meeting was being recorded. The state needs to have our plan by July 24 so she will be meeting with the subcommittee facilitators to begin preparing our document which will be shared with the Board of Education at their July 21 meeting. The introduction was shared with the committee.

Mrs. Larson suggested deferring data on safety to the local health department as we are following their direction.

Dr. Rodrigue suggested including information on positive trends significantly impacting the re-entry. Parents will know this will be fluid if we need to move to another plan or phase. We also have space in town with the NYA and Community Center if we need to go to a hybrid so students in distance learning have a place to go. The Connecticut plan says to look at space in their community but this is only feasible for grade 9 through 12 students.

Mrs. Walsky felt there was a degree of anxiety about coming back but the six guiding principles are helpful.

Dr. Rodrigue said safety is wanted by everyone and also that their houses are safe when children get home. It's important to pull out the state requirements and mention them up front and to be clear about the training mandates for staff.

Mrs. Larson suggested including the three possible phases, the important requirements such as masks, and also that parents can opt out. She would take care of a display and a graphic visual of training.

Dr. Rodrigue suggested including quotes from staff throughout the document. Prior to talking about the re-entry plan, Mrs. Larson would provide more key information about the state plan beyond the six guiding principles possibly having a chart listing the mandates and recommendations. We also need a page listing the committee members and where they work at the front of the presentation which Mrs. Walsky would take care of.

Mrs. Larson suggested explaining what the hybrid looks like for Newtown.

Dr. Rodrigue stated superintendents are looking at an AB hybrid type schedule and that many districts are putting in a cleaning day.

Mrs. Walsky felt it was important to include that collaboration with parents will never end.

Dr. Correia said the way to end the report was to state the need for continued parent partnership and support.

The meeting ended at 4:25 p.m.