

DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 8, 2020

The District Leadership Team (DLT) met on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 3:45 p.m. at Belle Aire School.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

Present

Co-Chairs Darren Hughes and Tracy Weiner, Faith Behr (*Interim Community Relations Coordinator*), Todd Drafall, James Eichmiller, Erin Guth, Emily Honn, Katie Hurckes, Melissa Jerves (*Secretary*), Jason Lynde, Kevin Russell, Angie Rybarczyk, Justin Sisul, Jessica Stewart, Jason Suchy, Craig Young, Jayne Yudzentis.

Absent

Michael Cassa, Matt Durbala, Erin Menet.

Visitors

Sarah David, Barb Svitak.

Remote Learning Task Force Recommendations

Dr. Russell and Justin Sisul reviewed the work of the Remote Learning Task Force, which included board members, administrators, teachers, staff and parents, and guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH). The task force was charged with reviewing survey feedback and state guidance, and determining the questions and areas of consideration for each return-to-school scenario.

Dr. Russell provided a summary of the most current guidance available from ISBE, IDPH, and the DuPage County Health Department. Highlights include:

- in-person learning for children under 13 is strongly encouraged
- face coverings and appropriate PPE are required
- 6-foot distancing between people are required as much as possible
- daily symptom checking is required
- an increase in cleaning and disinfection is required
- any learning scenario must be five clock hours, and daily attendance is expected
- high priority placed on in-person instruction for students with special needs

A continuum of options--from fully remote to blended learning to modified on-site to fully on-site—were outlined for the committee. It was noted that this is an imperfect situation and no plan is likely to be universally accepted.

The DLT broke into groups to review the pros and cons of each potential learning scenario (modified on-site, blended, fully remote), and listed questions that arose about each scenario.

The District's tentative recommendation to the Board will be for a 5-day/week modified onsite model, in which all staff and physical spaces are utilized to the fullest extent to reduce class sizes and accomplish 6-foot distancing; masks will be required. Further planning is necessary to work out the details and ensure the plan is feasible.

Next steps:

- Board Preview containing recommendation will go out to families, as well as an email to principals and staff
- After Board approves a plan, the District will convene working groups to explore details of all scenarios
- August Board meeting—a polished plan will be presented to the Board and community

Public Comment

Sarah David, art teacher, thanked the administration for its hard work and commented that she is concerned for teachers and students if specialists are pushing into classrooms and being in proximity to approximately 900 students a week.

Approval of Minutes

Craig Young moved and Emily Honn seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Angie Rybarczyk moved to adjourn and Craig Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.