

HAMPTON SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2021

Present: Les Shepard, Chair

Ginny Bridle

Frank DeLuca

Peppa Ring

Andrea Shepard

Others Present: Dr. Lois Costa, Superintendent SAU 90

Mariah Curtis, Finance Director SAU 90

6:01pm Chairman calls meeting to order (insert COVID paragraph)

6:02pm Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman intros and recaps that the board asked people to fill out the electronic survey that were due Friday before vacation at 9pm.

6:03pm Dr. Costa thanks survey participants and everyone who came out last meeting so everyone could have a better understanding of how everyone was feeling. Going to walk through the results of the survey and go over the plan for the leadership team. Goes through the 5 goals.

The results of the survey were split down the middle. About 50.4% said they do NOT want to remain in the current hybrid model, with 49.6% said they did want to.

Then broke it down by schools.

Centre 109 do not want to remain, 115 do.

Marston 94 do not want to remain, 91 do.

Hampton Academy 94 do not want to remain, 96 do not want to

508 families would want 5 day in person. Most families in all schools' plan to send their child to a five day in person schedule.

Transportation: 42% of students would like to have transportation.

Where do we go from here?

-Sustainability of the hybrid model

-Clearly the community is divided in half

- The goal is to return to brick and mortar
- We recognize the numbers are declining
- We are moving into the spring, more outdoor learning, etc.
- Now is the time to try
- Inform our fall model-5 days of in-person learning

Recommending a phased approach:

- *Adding Wednesday beginning March 3.
- *March 22, start of trimester 3, Centre School returns to 5 day in person learning.
- *April 12, Marston school returns to 5 days of in person learning
- *May 3, Hampton Academy returns to 5 days of in person learning (after April break)

All CDC guidelines will continue to be followed-masks, social distancing, etc.

Rationale:

- Monitor students, staff, etc. and will pivot if necessary (increase in positives, clusters, etc.)
- Allows for more in-person learning as students go on to the next grade
- Supports social-emotional learning
- Return to normalcy for all
- Allows schools to plan for the fall

*We are still working through details to ensure success.

Check-In with Schools and Administrators

Centre School-Principal Lannan: 6:19pm A lot of positives that will go on with getting everyone back for 5 days, maximizes learning. Not afraid of the March 22 start date. Reminds parents to send him a note if they want to move from remote to in-person learning.

Chairman: asks if we must stay with the 6-foot distancing?

Dr. Costa and Principal Lannan say for the rest of this year yes, we do

Discussion around staffing and maintaining classes as they stand now-teachers and students.

Chairman: Are the kids that go to school going to have their specials?

Principal Lannan: Under a condensed schedule, we are maximizing every adult in the building into a classroom.

Mr. DeLuca asks if we are going to have a program for those that want to stay remote?

Two choices-5 days or remote.

Mr. DeLuca-How is the staff taking to this?

The staff is worried that they are going to an area they aren't as comfortable with but it's our job to help and guide them.

Good news is President pushed teachers up in vaccination line, but it is up to the state governors.

Chairman wants to clarify that homerooms will be decreased in size due to spacing requirements.

Mrs. Shepard doesn't want the specials teachers that they are not integral to teaching.

Ms. Bridle doesn't like the unified arts plan. These teachers are unsung teachers.
Principal Lannan confirms they will be critical.

Chairman confirms there is no doubt in mind how hard they've worked. Hopes people get out and vote and support our teachers.

6:50pm Marston School Principal-Mr. Saddler discusses plan for Marston. Priority is the success of the children.

6:52pm Hampton Academy-our school works differently than the others. Right now, we are researching and talking to colleagues to see what models they're using that we could utilize. The start is going to be a challenge because it's the middle of the trimester, but we are going to do it and are up for the challenge.

Ms. Bridle asks how they will do buddy teachers at the academy?
Principal is not sure, still looking at models.

Public comment 6:55pm

Megan Holbrook Presidential Circle asks about parents who have multiple kids in multiple schools and how that will work with the staggered schedule.

Dr. Costa explains the phased return schedule for Megan.

Principal Lannan explains by the time all kids are out of the school it will be 1:30

Mr. DeLuca asks about transportation issue.

Dr. Costa explains they are working with First Student but it's hard because they have the buses but they don't have the drivers and they can't just hire drivers they have to go through training.

Lauren Barasso of Bradstreet in Hampton asks when teachers usually have their lunch and planning in a normal year and why it can't be applied here?

Principal Saddler and Chairman explain that teachers currently cover their own students in their classroom for lunch with this model and all hands-on deck they can't have their typical lunch or plan period because we need to assign them to classroom roles.

Joann Dominick of High Street Hampton calls to say thank you. She knows this isn't easy and is so appreciative of the effort.

Public comment closed at 7:12pm

Accept motion on phased in SAU90 plan for return to school plan made by Mrs. Shepard. Seconded by Ms. Bridle.

Ms. Bridle thinks from this plan will come growth **Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0**

Moved that Centre School have the 19th and 22nd off in March to prepare schools for return. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0

Teachers will have activities for students to do while they take care of that.

Accept motion to adjourn 7:17 by Mr. DeLuca, Seconded by Ms. Ring Roll Call Vote Yes 5 No 0

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Poisson
Secretary