

## **Return to School (RtS) Committee**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

**4PM**

**Attendees:** Jessica Berry, Autumn Belajonas, Adam Bullard, Shasta Minery, Alane Kennedy, Ashley Geel, Kate Bourne, Beckie Delaney, Meghan Rice, Ruth Thompson, Liz Matthews, Rachel Wilcox, Sonja Schmanska

#### **Resources:**

[2021-2022 School Plan](#)

[Current SOP](#)

#### **1. [Basketball Guidelines](#)**

The committee reviewed the basketball guidelines for the MidCoast area and voted to approve the following guidelines:

- 1) Players do not need to be masked while competing
- 2) Visitor & Home Fans are allowed to attend
- 3) ALL attendees (players while not completing, refs, coaches, fans etc) MUST be masked at all times
- 4) Athletes will participate in BINAX rapid testing 2x weekly - we are the only school participating in the busline league that does not have pooled testing in place. We want to provide some degree of safety for our players and others.
- 5) When Binax testing begins athletes will not have to mask during practices
- 6) No parents/family members will be allowed in the building during practices
- 7) We will not play another team if their COVID guidelines are less stringent than ours (meaning no masking by fans or no mask policy in place at the school as a whole).
- 8) Locker rooms can be used by the home and away teams

**Rapid Testing:** we will use the school supply of BiNax test kits to test athletes during the school day twice per week. Student athletes must participate in testing. The school currently has 400 tests. Autumn will administer the test and then enter the necessary information into the REDCap system.

#### **2. Rec Basketball**

Committee members agreed to allow Parks & Rec use of facilities for their basketball program. The program will start December 4th. Games will be on Saturdays, and there will be one practice weekly for each team. No parents will be allowed into the building during practices. Ben will take care of clean up after games and will make sure that student athletes as well as fans are adhering to our COVID guidelines.

### 3. **Adult Basketball & Volleyball**

The committee agreed to use of facilities for adult Basketball and Volleyball. Each team will use the gym 1 night weekly from January to March.

### 4. **COVID Update**

- a. **Letter & Phone Call:** Autumn & Jess shared that it can take the entire day to reach all close contacts leaving parents not being notified until late in the day/afternoon. We have decided that we will send a letter out to parents that also says they will receive a phone call from the school. This will allow everyone to be notified at the same time, and then Autumn, Jess and Adam can follow up with phone calls to answer questions.

It was recommended that the close contact grade level be added to the letter that is sent to parents. Many families have more than one student in the school and do not know which student is the close contact due to lack of details in the letter.

- b. **Remote Learning Letter/Plan** (Transition to remote): A letter was sent out last week detailing what parents can expect if their student has to transition to remote learning. Details about delivery of materials, how to sign up for lunches and when remote learning starts after a positive case were all outlined in the letter.
- c. **Student Masking:** We are seeing more students not wanting to wear masks, or wearing them down over their noses. Teachers are working to remind students. Our middle level students are struggling the most. Administrators are working on a plan to increase their willingness to wear the mask appropriately.

- 5. **COVID Clinic:** Our school did not get on the list early enough to be included in the school clinics. We are going to publish location/times of area vaccine clinics in our newsletter.

- 6. **Pooled Testing** (Autumn): Will revisit in January -

- 7. **Field Trips: Jess Berry shared:** Our recent positive case resulted in two grade levels being quarantined due to a field trip they attended together. We have reviewed our field trip protocols -