

## **Return to School (zoom) Meeting – Tuesday, 8/11/2020 12:30-1:25pm**

In attendance: Mike Felton, Beckie Delaney, Adam Bullard, Cassie Kilbride, Rebecca Albright, Alane Kennedy, Paul Meinersmann, Beth Giggey, Meghan Smith, Shasta Minery

- Debrief last night's School Board meeting and 10 a.m. Small Group Parent Meeting
  - **8/10 Board meeting** – shared DRAFT RtS Plans and Handbook at last meeting- went well overall. Biggest discussion/concerns were around the end of the day transportation - trying to figure out dismissal and buses.
  - **8/11 small group parent in person meeting** went well. Adam, Meghan S. and Shasta attended with 6 parents/community members. Great conversation and questions. Some of the questions and concerns that were brought up: Concern surrounding later start and end times of school day and childcare options for working parents. Will there be middle level sports? How do we determine which child goes in what crew (ex. 4/5 or 5)? Remote learning options for students w medical/health issues?
- Key issues that need to be addressed in handbook

### **Buses, arrival & dismissal**

- Afterschool transportation discussion: Some students will not leave on buses at the end of day until 4:15 due to earlier high school bus runs.
- Possible bus stops in the afternoon for high schools to reduce bus run times (i.e., all L/A students dropped off at school and picked up by parents)
- Idea of renting a bus for L/A run, however, this would have a very high cost. Idea of high school bus runs taking place after K-8 bus runs but buses would not get to high school until 4:30 or 5 for L/A or Camden.
- Camden RtS Handbook asks parents to provide transportation – we should do the same. We should do more outreach to our parents to see if they will provide transportation for their child. It was mentioned that our district has already reached out to Camden parents. Have to legally provide transportation for K-8. Everyone agreed we need to do another outreach to Camden and L/A families - we really need to know if child needs bus transportation.
- L/A run: Mike will look into L/A runs. How many kids will we be transporting each afternoon due to their hybrid model? L/A students will only be attending in person 1-2 days per week. Possibility of eliminating L/A afternoon run and ask parents to pick up L/A student since each student will only be attending 1-2 days per week? Would free up a bus for K-8 STG students. Does L/A have a finalized plan on what specific days our kids would go? Mike will look into high school runs more and email high school families today - chance we may not be able to provide afternoon transportation to L/A due to concerns with 4:15 St. George School release.

- Camden: Should St. George only provide one afternoon bus for Camden high school students? That would free up an afternoon bus for St. George students.
- Discussion of whether Camden could provide an additional bus in afternoon to help us out. Challenge for Camden in sports and after school activities – if these happen (and, right now, it looks like high school sports will take place in the fall) then Camden will not be able to loan us a bus and driver for afternoon runs.
- Could we consider using neighbor to neighbor for L/A kids? Current policy is neighbor to neighbor is not able to transport students under the age of 18 without a parent present. They also have reduced drivers right now. Alane and/or Beckie will reach out to them and see if it is a possibility of using neighbor to neighbor for high school students in the afternoon. Not sure this is possible given rules/regulations/etc, but worth seeing if it's even possible.
- Afternoon parent pickup: -Should we consider having parent pickup be 15 minutes earlier than bus pickup? -Paul mentioned exploring an app that allows parents to check in on smart phone that he/she is here to pick up student and teacher gets alert that students parent is here to p/u. Some concern about having teachers check phone or computer constantly at end of day where so much is going on. Someone else suggested that walkie talkies work well.
- Concern about large # of cars picking up students at end of day. Will there be too many cars at the same time? Could be chaotic. Could we dismiss staggered by last name? What if their car isn't there? Dismissal for pick up could be a staggered piece: K-2 with older siblings, 3-5 with older siblings and 6-8 w older siblings.
- Dismissal idea: Each class could have a partner class at end of day outside... partners within house. Two crews at recess at a time so class would partner with your recess crew.
- Need a variety of people to manage parent traffic flow. Volunteers for end of day dismissal?
- Possibility of putting tents up near drop-off so students could wait under tents while waiting for parents.
- Make it simple for parents, staffing to manage cars, plan for staffing for getting kids to buses and cars and still need to work on bus times.

## **Lunch**

- Spacing: Randy and Mike checked classrooms and looks like they can get 6 ft spaced apart for lunch. \*There are some 3-5 classes that may not be able to space 6 ft for lunch.
- Lunch ordering: We should get info out to parents soon that lunch ordering protocol is changing. Paul will add info to handbook and do some outreach. Paul will also go to Ops meeting Wed to discuss. Are parents going to order at home or students order at school? Should families have to sign up week to week rather

than daily? Families have been ordering weekly this summer. There may be parents that will not be able to order online. Could send something home on Monday for parents to order for the following week if they are not able to order online. Everyone in agreement to move in direction of **weekly breakfast/lunch ordering** rather than daily.

### **Outdoor Learning Areas**

School is exploring options for outdoor spaces, stumps, camp chairs, tents, sun shades.

### **Others?**

Early release Fridays: Will there be homework or Friday schoolwork to do when students get out early on Fridays? Discussion about having weekend homework, no weekend homework, reading and reading log, quick seesaw activity for younger students. There could be some instructional and academic value getting people ready and trained for remote if we have to go that direction again.

**Instruction comm will discuss academics on Fri afternoons further.**

- Parent/Community Outreach

### **Videos on new school protocols (washing hands, individual desks, masks, etc.)**

Adam is going to start working on them next week with Autumn and students. Hand washing, masks, what classrooms look like with individual desks now, try to have a handful of kids involved. Could show the new 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Visuals to show families/students what school will look like. Kid wakes up the am, parent does screening... this is what we are going to do every morning. Possible music video by Adam? : )

### **Let parents/students know Crew assignments/ welcome letter from teachers**

Ok for teachers to send out crew assignments so parents/students know what class they are in. This letter from teachers will be one of key pieces of communication. Communicate excitement that we have for students to come back. Can be short and simple, not a lot of detail needed right away.

Kindergarten open house: Have not come up with a solution for Kindergarten open house since parents aren't coming into school due to pandemic. Mike, Adam, Meghan and Rebecca will discuss today.