

SPS-Safe School Reopening Task Force – Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 2020

Committee Name: Extracurricular

Attendee Names: Stephanie Splater, Aaron Brecek, Stacey Ward, Bryan Schutz, Shawn Jordan, Dave Hughes, Bruce Hafferkamp, Keith Eggleston, Whitney Bowerman, Erik Johnson, Tara Luedke

Meeting Notes:

Review and approval of 7/14 minutes – Minutes Approved

Discussion of WIAA announcement - Established four '20-21 sport seasons

District 8 Meeting Debrief- Dave Hughes

- WIAA benchmarks will come out on 7/28 to guide sport seasons
- Determining if enough counties are in Phase 3 to plan regional /state meets
- Seasons would be 7 weeks long, not including any playoff situation
- Cross-country & slow-pitch softball would start Sept 7th
 - County must be in Phase 3 to start season
 - Superintendents weighing in on whether in-person learning is a requirement, TBA
- November & December scheduled as open time to work with athletes
 - Leaves time if there is a late season start
 - Leaves time in case of second wave
- Season four would end after last day of school

Questions and wonderings- stipends/positions

-Proposed seasons will be shorter than usual, HR is aware and will work to resolve in negotiations with SEA

- What does that look like? Example: Basketball
 - Traditional season was 11 weeks 19-20 without playoffs; Proposed 7-week season is just regular season; seasons 2-4 weeks shorter depending on playoffs.
 - Thoughts: significant amount of work for coaches to adjust this year's practices and competition (does that apply to all staff; will vary by sport; what's equitable), Looking at numbers-reduction from 11 to 7 weeks is 63%, however looking at percentages would require a review of each sport individually
- What would the timeline be if we don't end up playing? Would we not pay coaches?
- Concerns about coaches opting to not coach and say that in lieu of risks, additional training, and uncertainty with smaller stipends might make them walk away
- Will there be travel restrictions?

- ADs talking about restructuring but if Rogers wants to go to Ritzville for a tournament would that get approved? Currently health department has guidelines on intercounty travel; would continue to partner with the health district on those type of questions. Assuming we are in a later phase
- Travel restrictions are likely. Right now we know we would have to be in phase 3, with some form of in-person learning, meet WIAA benchmarks, involved counties would need to be in matching phases. The details have not been flushed out yet, continue to follow.
- Transportation social distancing restrictions in the district are different on busing than in schools. No distance required on buses but do have safety protocols in place and know that the a/b scheduling naturally reduces ridership

What will Middle School sports look like?

- WIAA update 7/28 on benchmarks in order for season 1 to begin

When should we plan on training coaches? What time markers do we want to look at in the next few weeks?

- We must be out of Phase 2, does that mean summer is off the table?
 - Likely. Not optimistic about Sept 7th start date for next season
- Open training on August 24th, then adjust as needed
 - Continue to roll out as seasons come or open all at once
 - Training will probably be digital
 - Coaches will have site-specific questions needing answers
- Safeschools training has COVID modules that would be good for everyone
 - Those are in the works for SPS staff
 - Non-SPS staff should be included, need to inquire about
- Plan to offer sport-specific training with district guiding principles, layering in school specific solutions as needed

Communication Plan to Families

- Direction WIAA took this week with 4 seasons
 - Sports included in each season
 - Proposed tentative dates for those seasons with requirements being:
 - County in Phase 3
 - Possibly in-person learning happening (awaiting clarification on this requirement)
 - Additional requirements coming from WIAA
 - Non-competitive dance/cheer spirit teams could potentially still perform with modifications
- No changes/updates until August 4th

Questions/Wonderings:

- Is there talk regarding extending summer again beyond August 14?

- WIAA will talk about summer in next week's Zoom
- Also planning to organize a WSSAAA Wednesday next week to give AD's an opportunity to ask questions.
- Albi construction is still on schedule, anticipate closure on November 15th. Possibility that the new Mead Stadium could be used like Albi has been historically.
- Will we be able to have invites and tournaments when we have restrictions?
- Will WIAA have additional trainings too for new rules? TBA

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 9:30am

Agenda item: Post in "Family ID" about sports date(s) and COVID sign off.