

## SPS-Safe School Reopening Task Force – Sub Committee Meeting Notes Template

Date: June 10, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30PM via Teams

Committee Name: Extracurricular Activities/Athletics

Attendee Names: Aaron Brecek (Rogers, Athletic/Activities Director), Whitney Bowerman (Rogers/Link/Wrestling), Dave Hughes (Lewis & Clark, Athletic/Activities Director), Erik Johnson (Salk, Athletic Coordinator), Shawn Jordan (Director of Secondary Schools), Bryan Schutz (Chase, Athletic Coordinator), Stephanie Splater (Coordinator, K-12 Fitness and Health, Secondary Athletics), Stacey Ward (Ferris, Athletic/Activities Director), Lisa Price (Executive Assistant in Teaching & Learning - notes).

### Meeting Notes:

- Introductions were made amongst the team members for the Extracurricular Activities/Athletics Task Force.
- Stephanie went over the structure and goals for this sub-committee reporting back to the Steering Committee for Safe School Reopening Task Force with recommendations. The following documents will be sent out to all participants: [WIAA Updates](#) and [National Federation of State High School Associations \(NFHS\) Guidance for Opening of HS Athletics and Activities](#).
- Key Questions:
  - What are the WIAA Guidelines for Fall? How do those apply to Spokane County as per other state regulations?
    - As of 10:15AM this morning, still waiting for WIAA Recommendations, Dept of Health guidance and OSPI guidelines coming out around Learning. Plan is to have something out later this week on summer activities guidelines and fall guidelines could come closer to the end of June or July timeframe.
    - Campuses still closed for recreation through June 19.
    - The NFHS (National Federation) Guidelines document is a guide and some things make sense and apply and other things are meant to be general. WA State may have less conservative guidelines.
    - Goal: Safely re-open and have athletics and activities happen, so how can we do that in a safe way?
    - WIAA will make an appeal at re-labeling some sports and opening will be layered based on risk factor. \*NOTE: Risk Levels for individual sports are outlined on page 9 of the PDF NFHS.
    - Sports could occur in Spokane County when we are at Phase 3 or 4. It was noted different counties (whom we may play in league) are in different phases, for example, Pullman (Whitman County), is in Phase 3 right now. Clarkston (Asotin county), may have moved to phase 3 recently.
    - WIAA will be working with OSPI, Governor's office, and the Department of Health so that guidelines coming out will be aligned across the state.

- What facility impacts should be expected? (different schedules, different pacing needed)
  - Outdoor Activities, such as summer camps, quantitative aspect of 50 or less people participating in Phase 3. Indoor requires 50% use of the space be utilized in Phase 3.
  
- What hygiene/cleaning details need to be addressed?
  - John Vasant is looking at this for the district and more details will be shared.
  - What quantity of hand sanitizer is needed per extracurricular activity/sport?
  - Locker rooms open or closed?
  - If coaches are doing any cleaning is that interfering with custodial workload?
  
- What will the communication plan be?
  - Coaches coming from all areas, not just internally from school, so how will we communicate our plan?
  
- How will we train coaches/advisors on guidelines/expectations/safety protocols?
  - Keep it simple and safe.
  - In-person training ideal or being able to monitor virtual training.
  - If we are required to take athlete's temperatures how are we going to train coaches on guidelines and share best practices – something to be considered.
  - Training around cleaning equipment
  
- Will the workload conditions of the staff be impacted?
  - Managing temperature checks (daily), system checks and management of cleaning.
  - Physical forms/worksheets required for practices (i.e., may implement daily temperature checks of athletes).
  - Depending on the facility/extracurricular activity or sport, some buildings may have a game management team that helps with set-up/tear-down, some buildings the AD or coach may do that, some the athletes may participate in cleaning. Need to flush out who is doing what in each activity/sport to come up with the plan.
  
- Will there be a budgetary impact around equipment and cleaning?
  - Thermometers, masks, cleaning/sanitizing supplies
  
- Travel?
  - Wonderings about traveling from one county to the next and what if counties are in different phases? How would the guidelines address travel from a more restrictive area/phase to less restrictive area/phase and conversely? Will there be guidelines around travel where counties are in different phases?

#### Follow Up/Next Steps:

1. Initiate a conversation with Becky Doughty, Director Health Services of SPS, and Department of Health regarding what tools are needed (i.e., masks or thermometers). Determine the number needed for Athletics.
  - Shawn contacted Becky and informed this group the district has purchased nice thermometers (\$117 a- piece) for each school, which will be tested at district. Becky said it may be reasonable to purchase less expensive ones for sports (due to people

being asymptomatic but able to pass the virus). The teams needing thermometers would include track, tennis, baseball, softball, golf, and soccer and separate thermometers for boys/girls' teams. Some sports are happening simultaneously, so that presents the need for multiple tools.

2. Work on messaging to the community regarding the status of extracurricular activities and athletics. Based on the phase we are in and the guidelines which come out, extracurricular activities such as elementary summer camps may be challenging or higher risk and not feasible to open. How do we message around that?
3. Stephanie will monitor when the WIAA updates will come out and share with the group- Sup. Reykdal said on 6/11 that it may be a few weeks before guidance comes around sports. WIAA is hopeful it will be before then.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 15, 2020.