

Safe School Reopening Task Force  
Safety and Operations Committee Minutes

November 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Anderson opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

**Attendees:** Mark Anderson, Andee Attwood, Alex Navarrete, Salliejo Evers, Salina Geiger, Gwen Harris, Shawn Jordan, Alex Navarrete, John O'Dell, Heather Richardson, Daniel Robertson, Marybeth Smith, Stephanie Splater, Lisa White, Doug Wordell, and Sonya Chouinard

Mark opened the meeting with a reminder that first grade will begin in-person classes next Monday, November 9. The District held informational and safety training webinars for parents and staff, and will offer additional optional webinars for first grade teachers for more training and support this week. Second grade will return next, tentatively scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, and there will be training webinars for those families and staff as well.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Indoor sports camps: The Health District is supportive of moving our secondary small group sports camps indoors as long as the safety protocols are followed. Stephanie Splater is working with athletic directors and coaches to prepare for the camps with hopes of beginning within the next couple of weeks.
- In-person small groups: Shawn Jordan and a team are working on a safe and equitable protocol to have in-person learning centers for small groups of students, grades 7-12. Teachers are very supportive and see a need for in-person support for many students. They are also working toward small groups for 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Details need to be worked out for transportation among other things. Salliejo Evers is working with Durham to add an afternoon route for this program if possible.
- Day Camps: As first graders begin in-person learning there will be new openings in day camps. Young kids being supervised by older siblings for distance learning may be good candidates to fill these openings. Some secondary students are struggling in their own studies because of that responsibility. We will monitor the availability of funds for scholarships for day camps through CARES. Lisa White is assuring elementary principals that the safety protocols followed by day camps keep cohorts separated so cross exposure should not be a concern. It is fine to add new kids to day camp and allow first graders back into day camp at the end of the day.
- Student meals: Doug Wordell and his team are adapting their student meal distribution process to ensure all students continue to receive meals when first graders phase back into buildings. Staff are refining the process to deliver meals to classrooms safely and efficiently.
- PPE: Alex Navarrete is still working out details and locations for storing the PPE we've received.
- Specialists: We received clarification on the protocol for students sitting on the floor during specialist time (P.E., Music., etc.). It is best for students to sit in chairs but if necessary, they may sit on the floor if cleaning and distancing protocols are followed.
- Recess: Schools have been successful scheduling recess while allowing staff lunch periods.

Mark announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., given November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Veteran Day Holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.