

School Re-Opening Task Force
June 9, 2021
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the School Re-Opening Task Force was held Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting platform meeting ID 853 4852 6672. Members present were Mrs. Wagner, Ms. Welborn, Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. Boucher, Mrs. Costa, Mr. Cillino, Mrs. Reyes, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Tardiff, Mr. Urgo, and Mrs. Mello.

The meeting started at 5:03 p.m. Mrs. Wagner explained we have to have a preliminary re-opening plan to the state by June 23rd as part of the grant funding we want. The administrators put together a plan that looks good for the fall. This is very preliminary. Mrs. Wagner shared her screen so the task force could see the plan. Mrs. Reyes said this is broad; it basically says we will follow guidelines put in place in the fall. She said this is the template that has to be submitted to the state. We can edit the plan as things come along when we know what we need to do next year. Mrs. Wagner said she has heard a lot of feedback from parents regarding masks. She had further comment and said we are going to follow CDC guidelines as we always have. She read the five points of the safe return to school document. She reviewed the template that was put together by the administrators. She did mention there is no further need for deep cleaning. She continued to go through the template. There was comment regarding distance learning and that it will not be offered next school year; that will be stated as part of the plan. Questions were asked and answered regarding mask wearing. It was said that we would be following the CDC, Ledge Light and State Department of Education guidelines. There was further comment about revisions to the language. The dates of the task force meeting and the Board of Education meeting will be added to the public comment section of the plan. Language revisions regarding distance were discussed. Review dates were discussed. It was mentioned the dates in the document came directly from the state. There will be a meeting in August prior to school starting and it will be added to the public comment section of the document. Mr. Nero said the plan will be posted about a week before it is due to the State. Mrs. Sally Timmons asked about distance learning and quarantine and visitors to the school. Mr. Nero said we haven't quarantined anyone in three months and he explained the steps in place when a child has a longer illness and he elaborated. He believes that visitors should be allowed in the building and he had further comment. There was discussion about reviewing the entire document before school starts. There was further comment on allowing visitors into the schools. Mrs. Wagner said we don't want to put too much detail into the plan right now and explained. A tentative task force meeting date was set for August 11th at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Reyes will make the revisions to the document.

The meeting ended at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary Pro-Tem