

MAYWOOD

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District Update - July 10, 2020

Hello all, hope all is well. I simply wanted to update everyone as to where we are as we move into the middle of July. Today we held the opening meeting of the committees that form the Reopening Task Force and the Pandemic Taskforce. This meeting, as outlined on the google doc below, consists of teachers, staff, students, parents, school nurses and board members as per the requirements as set forth by the state. We also went a step further and created five subcommittees to dig deeper. The subcommittees are chaired by teachers and staff members and they focus on PPE, Physical Plant, Scheduling, Social/Emotional and Curriculum. The teachers, staff and parents who make up the committees were selected based on their indication in the google form soliciting interest. The committee chairs are found below and they are responsible going forward with leading their respective subcommittees.

Scheduling

Michael Jordan, Supt./Prin
Michael Halligan, MEM Principal

Social/Emotional

Kerry Leto, MAS Guidance
Carly Byrnes, MEM Guidance
Brielle Smith, District Social Worker

Physical Plant

Keith Timmins, VP
John Montany, Director of Buildings & Grounds

PPE

Jen Pfohl, Business Asministrator
Diana Zuccaro, MAS Nurse
Sharon Dunn, MEM Nurse

Curriculum

Sheryl Spencer, Special Services Supervisor
Dan Pitre, Teacher/MEA President

Adding to the chairpeople listed above are another 15 staff committee members as well as over 30 parent committee members. The agenda that was followed below at this afternoon's opening meeting outlines the roles and responsibilities of each subcommittee and it also provides Maywood's preliminary reopening framework and the results of the staff and family surveys that were completed as of last week. You will also see in the google doc a tentative time frame for committee involvement and final plans being submitted to the State and our families.

The major question is still unanswered as to what are the clear and concise protocols when a student or staff member or someone in contact with them test positive. I have a follow up meeting on Monday with Mr. Tedesco, our County Executive, as well as the Commissioner of the Board of Health to hopefully lock in a more firm answer.

Regardless, rest assured that Maywood will do what is right by our staff and our kids. We demonstrated collectively from March to June what we already knew, and that is we respond to challenges head on. We will do it again come September no matter what it looks like.

Please be on the lookout for continued updates.

Take care.

Google Doc

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