

District Leadership Team

Minutes

April 21, 2021 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm. – Virtual

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Welcome

- Community meeting – How are you feeling.

Dept. Of Health Update - [NYSED Updated Guidance 4/9/21](#)

- On April 9th a 24-page document was released, Aviva reviewed it with unit leaders, nurses, District SAVE, DLT (this evening) and the administrative staff.
- Discussion on how we are following it and how it differs from what we are doing.
- New evidence released that districts may reduce the distance of students to 3 feet from 6 feet on the original guidance from 8/2020.
- CDC no longer recommends physical barriers if there is enhanced air filters and open windows.
- 6 feet distance with adults is still recommended when eating/drinking when masks are removed, singing, and playing instruments.
- Less than 6 feet decision must be made with input from community.
- CDC recommends surveillance testing.
- Areas where our plan is aligned with others and where we have taken a different approach:
 - K-8 lunch is not 6 feet apart however, we do use barriers
 - We met with groups and all families, we provided surveys for information and continue to do surveillance testing as long as we have volunteers.
 - Our plan has the full support of the Dutchess County Department of Health (DBCH) to continue our plan for the remainder of the school year.
 - 98% of other area districts were staying the course with barriers.
 - We are continuing to share developments with groups.
 - In areas where we are not following guidance we have barriers, ventilation and testing, we actually have more mitigation in these areas.
 - We have had extremely low, if at all, transmission in school.
 - If this changes we will be notified of that from the DBCH and we would have to make a change.
 - Consensus is we have been changing our plans all along, we earned the right to come back.
 - At FDR, if 6 feet do we still require barriers? They are problematic due to, if we are 6 feet, we shouldn't need them.
 - FDR does not have barriers in some classes, over the next week if this can be maintained they feel that this would be the best practice and that is what we surveyed the community on. If in time it proves to be not ok, we will go back; every room has slightly different mitigation needs.
 - Elementary could be 3X3 with no barriers, however, we need to have them at lunch; if not for lunch we wouldn't need them at all.
 - A teacher reports that instruction is tough with all of the barriers; it is like students are looking through 8 windows. If we can figure out spaces for lunch we could be cleared of barriers.
 - Any ideas to solve the lunch barrier issue - discuss with your building principals.
 - If we will not have to use plexiglass barriers for summer school, what do we do with all of them?

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- We will certainly save them. There have been creative ideas about this. Three pieces of plastic can be used for a lot of things, we will store them or recycle them.

Capital Project Update - [Revised Proposed Capital Project](#)

- There has been a lot of team discussion regarding our \$22.5 M Capital Project.
- We added RRS HVAC and Bus Loop projects that should be considered. This addition has added \$2M; our current project up to \$29 M
- We don't have a design professional, we will need someone who has experience in transportation.
- We probably won't do the HVAC at RRS, we needed to bring it to the attention of this group.
- We currently do not have an architect yet for this project.
- These numbers are all estimates at this point.
- Once we retain a design professional and get specific scopes to develop a detailed estimate, everything listed may not be on the final project when that is complete.
- The bus loop is a higher priority than the HVAC at RRS. If the bus loop comes in much less we may be able to do HVAC also. COVID adds much more pressure to do the bus loop with parking and parent drop-off. The sewer is right near the bus loop area which is also why we need a professional for solutions.

SWOT Analysis Activity - [SWOT Slide Deck](#)

- Groups will have 10 minutes to go over each slide, you will need a note-taker.
- When done, we will go over all and see what each group put in.
- This activity will take 40 minutes, we will reconvene at the end.

DLT/BLT Celebration

- This celebration is where the groups share their work.
- Discussion on Virtual or In-Person celebration.
- Virtual meeting in May and possible celebration/meeting in August if needed.

Next Steps/Action Plan

- DLT staff turnover – New in September
- We have very complex plans for re-opening, we do have existing structures in place for this process.
- We could possibly come back in August for a reopening meeting.
- Keep the 5/24 date available for a virtual meeting, then possibly do something in August. It may be regarding the Capital Project or input on our re-opening plans.

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