

School Community Network

May 28, 2020, 8:30 AM by Zoom

Stephanie Horak called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. This is a special year-end meeting made necessary by the cancellation of our April meeting due to the pandemic.

Michelle Lettington announced some of the curriculum staff are joining us for this special meeting.

Dr. Remy led off her segment with a discussion of summer plans, some of which have already been announced, but are summarized below:

- Summer schools (Stretching Minds, etc) are cancelled.
- Special Ed programs will continue
- Camps have been moved to July or August.
- Some outdoor public use areas will soon be open.
- Graduation will take place at the end of June at Valley Stadium and will be divided into three ceremonies to allow for social distancing. It will be streamed online to allow for remote attendance.
- Baseball & Softball seasons are allowed to go forward with safety rules in place including limited attendees and social distancing. These will also be streamed online.
- July activity decision will be made in June.
- The acquisition of cleaning supplies is proving to be challenging.
- KidsWest opens July 6.
- June 2 primary elections will be held at VHS.

Dr. Remy then moved into a discussion of the “Return to Learn Plan.” Each district is required to submit a plan for fully-online-required learning and have it approved by the state. This plan must be in place even if that’s not the approach the district plans to follow for the fall. This is so that in case of a second wave of pandemic, districts are prepared to pick up with online-required learning immediately.

Preparing a plan for fully-online-required learning requires thinking about virtual schedules, considering the emotional and physical needs of students, discussing teacher supports, discussing standards for teachers, and expanding the use of Canvas to grade and facilitate learning through existing online components of our existing curriculum. This is only a partial list of what needs to be thought through.

There are three approaches the district is considering for a fall start:

1. Fully online and required.
2. A hybrid plan – a mix of physical and online.
3. Fully face-to-face with modifications for social distancing.

Dr. Remy says no decision has been made yet and might not be able to be made until disease data is available in the fall, but families should be prepared for a hybrid situation. There are a lot of social distancing details that need to be thought out.

Dr. Remy next gave an update on the Facilities plans. The Phase 1 portion is finishing this summer. The Phase 2 portion has hit a snag. Due to the pandemic, it is likely that sales tax revenues will shrink significantly for several years. Due to this funding reality, the board is reassessing their options and will meet June 8.

Summer projects include:

- CL & CV additions
- IH secure entry
- Rex Mathes auditorium updates
- CV roof
- Lighting for baseball & softball
- HS playground
- Parking lot maintenance
- WR entrances

Laine announced that the district will be undertaking a website redesign project and is looking for participants for a focus group. The launch date is hopefully next school year, but administration focused on other work due to the pandemic, this may be delayed. We have a currently functional website right now, so it is not a critical situation.

Sally Quinn spoke about the Staff Recognition event. It was not able to be held, but a video was produced and shared with staff. School groups are encouraged to make sure their budgeted money for this event has been sent in.

There was discussion on next year's SCN dates and the need to be flexible including scheduling larger rooms for social distancing and holding Zoom meetings if necessary.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept 17, 2020 at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Horak, SCN President, for Erica Weeklund, SCN Secretary

Next Meetings –, LRC, 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. on:

Sept 17, 2020

Oct 15, 2020

Nov 19, 2020

Jan 21, 2021

Feb 18, 2021

April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021