

District Planning Committee

March 3, 2022

6:30 pm

Zoom

Participants:

Amanda Kozaka, Library Media Specialist, CEMS
Gallagher, Brianne, School Counselor, PCES
Cynthia Voltz, School Board Member
Del Peavey, Director of Special Services
Erin Taylor, School Nurse, PCES
Heather Altenburg, School Board Chair
Ingrid Whitaker, Grade 4 Teacher, PCES
Jess Rosie, Parent
Jason Manjourides, Principal, PCES
Jeff Thoreck, Athletic Director, CEHS
Jill Young, School Nurse, CEMS
Julie Merriam, Teacher, PCES
Kathleen Raftice, Director of Community Services
Katherine Bock, Science Teacher, CEHS
Kimberly Carr, School Board Vice-Chair
Karen Jenkins, School Nurse, CEHS
Kyle Morey, Assistant Principal, CEMS
Laura Ellis, Interventionist, CEMS
Marcia Weeks, Business Manager
Nathan Carpenter, Assistant Principal, CEHS
Peter Esposito, Director of Nutrition Services
Sarah Dodwell, Parent
Sarah Forrey-Pettit, Assistant Principal, PCES
Smita Sonti, School Physician
Troy Eastman, Principal, CEMS
Zakia Nelson, Parent
Michelle McClellan, Assistant Superintendent
Troy Patterson, Director of Educational Technology
John Springer, Principal, CEHS
Elizabeth Yarrington, English Teacher, CEHS
Christopher Storer, Director of Transportation
Sonia Medina, French/Spanish Teacher, CEHS
Chris Record, Superintendent

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Purpose of the District Planning Committee

- Committee of stakeholders to review and discuss Covid-19 information in order to provide the School Board and School Administration recommendations on how to operate the district for the 21-22 school year

Process

- The District Planning Committee will provide recommendations to the School Board for consideration of any changes to our Covid-19 mitigation plan.

Norms for our meeting

- Be respectful
- Share the air
- Aim for consensus
- Aim to conclude by 8:30pm

Underlying Goal: Have all Cape Elizabeth students and staff safely in school full-time for the 21-22 school year.

Background: The District Planning Committee (DPC), comprised of 30+ stakeholders, was created to review and discuss Covid-19 information in order to provide the School Board and School Administration recommendations on mitigation measures to be used in our schools during the 2021-22 school year. The DPC met on 8/4/21 and 8/12/21 to review recommendations from the CDC, the ME CDC, Dr. Shah, our school physician (Dr. Sonti), and our three school nurses. The underlying goal of the DPC and the School Board (based upon the Fall 2021 Return to School Plan) is to have all Cape Elizabeth students and staff safely in school for in-person learning full-time for the 2021-22 school year. The DPC again met on 10/5/21 to review the efficacy of the mitigation plan. The DPC recommended changes to the field trip aspect of the plan and left all other aspects as is. The DPC also met in November, December, January, and February to review mitigation strategies.

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Case Update & Current Situation Update by Dr. Record & Dr. Sonti & Review of Covid Data for the year

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MCDC Update from this week (if any)

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Reminder of Ventilation Upgrades Made last year at all 3 school by Facilities Director Dave Bagdasarian

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Determine “Off Ramp” parameters for making masks optional & “On Ramp” parameters for requiring masks

- Discuss & Determine “Off Ramp” parameters for making masks optional
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- Discuss & Determine “On Ramp” parameters for making masks required
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Review other mitigation measures

- Playground cohorting
- 3+ foot distancing in cafeteria
- 3+ foot distancing in classrooms
- Pooled Testing
- Visitors to schools
- In person conferences (could still do zoom if parent prefers)
- Other

Any Changes Recommended by the DPC to be Considered by the School Board?

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Next Meeting 4/3/22 6:30pm (additional meetings can be scheduled as needed)

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