

District Planning Committee Meeting (10/5/21)

6:30 pm

ZOOM MEETING

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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
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.

Current Situation Update:

- **Current Cape Elizabeth Covid-19 data**
- **Current Cumberland County data**

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- **Current State data**
- **Vaccination Rates**
 - **Students (12+)**
 - **Staff**

Review of Mitigation Strategies Recommended by the DPC & Adopted by the School Committee on 8/16/21

1. Universal masking for everyone in a school facility or transport no matter vaccination status.
 - a. Exception: Staff working alone in their classroom or workstation
 - b. Exception: Students eating at least three feet apart facing the same direction
 - c. Exception: Staff eating at least six feet apart
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2. Pooled testing offered to all students and staff on a voluntary basis as will be outlined in tonight's presentation.
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3. As much social distancing as tenable on school transportation, in classrooms, and in the cafeteria that allows for full-time access to learning. 3 feet distance or more will be used wherever possible.
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4. Daily symptom checklist conducted by parents/guardians and for parents/guardians to report absences related to these symptoms per building protocol.
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5. Continue same hand sanitization practices as utilized during the 2020-21 school year.
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6. Continue the same disinfectant strategies as utilized in the spring of 2020-21 (staff wipe down surfaces at least once per day on top of nightly disinfection).
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7. Allow for only outdoor field trips.

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8. Limit non-essential visitors/volunteers inside the school building.

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Any SOP Changes?

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Other Mitigation Strategies Needed?

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Other Changes Recommended by the DPC to be Considered by the School Committee

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Next Meeting 11/1 6:30pm (due to 11/2 being a Voting Day)