

## **Leadership Council Notes Dec. 8, 2020**

**Present:** Mary Kaufmann, Grace Freeman, Summer Burch, Tara Davis, Corey DiMario, Kathryn Mason, Laura Haskins

### **School Board and School Update :**

**School Board:** Budget preparation for next year, most items stayed the same. Winter sports are included in next year's budget. There is a combined town school budget, as well as our individual budget. Frank might visit us in the future.

#### **From Mary:**

Many students participated in a cyanotype art project for the Elevator Project displayed downtown in the parking garage.

Schoolwide celebration: Read aloud winter book activity followed by an art project. Art will be displayed in the hallways. Remote students are included. Kids will do a gallery walk and we will videotape some portions to share with parents.

SEL- We are moving from gratitude to kindness, Kathryn has sent out many ideas.

We are trying to show more pictures in the newsletter and on FaceBook for families to have a glimpse of what is going on at school.

The Gratitude Board that parents honored staff with was very appreciated.

Return to School From Thanksgiving:

Pretty smooth, no multi household gatherings was difficult for many families. Kim is working through many parent questions. Rise in numbers is concerning, but we feel safe and are maintaining safety protocols which will stay in place this semester.

Preparing for changes for second semester.

### **Review Meeting Minute Notes From Nov. 10, 2020 - did this happen??**

**Covid Protocol Update:** The last meeting we asked : What would be the protocol if there were cases in the district or school?

There would be communication that someone in the community had a positive case. We are in contact with the Dept. of Health who gives us guidance , everyone in a class is considered close contact, so a class would know if there was a positive case.

How many cases are permitted in a school or district before being closed? No answer yet  
But Mary feels that we would close classes that need to be closed down, and could be multiple rooms depending on on contact.

We do have another classroom for students to go to if a child leaves with covid like symptoms while the room is cleaned. If a student is sent home with symptoms they must have a negative test to return.

Surveillance Testing- The state is going to be doing this routinely for staff. We had our 2nd round today. The first round had no positive testing in our district. We will share this information with parents in the newsletter.

## **New Business**

### **Plan for 2nd Half of the School Year:**

As a staff we are working on plans for next semester to have kids in school 4 days a week. We are hoping this will lead to more structure and routine.

We will gather feedback from staff, community and leadership councils asking for ideas and questions. Cleaning, meals, spacing, general health concerns, specials, specialized services, etc. A survey will go out this week with attached forum information which will probably be Monday, Dec.15 at 5:30.

Timeline: Families will get 2 options ( 4 days or remote) from the superintendent this week. Families will have a week to confirm their option. Mary will alert parents as she finds out more about grade level configurations.

Some parents are waiting to be informed as to what the classroom situations will be, but the school is still in the process of figuring out what groups might look like. (Mixed grades vs going to straight grades) This weighs on parents as they decide on remote vs in school. It was shared that some families are asking for a forum prior to this for more information. Mary is happy to do this, but may not have all the answers.

Virtual story hour- 3 different staff readers in break out rooms, and students could visit one or 3 rooms.

Parent:

Could older students read? Thinking before bed is better, 6:30 or 7.

We'll revisit this in our Title 1 meeting.

### **Survey Follow-Up:**

The question was asked is this the best time to do this?

### **Next Agenda:**

**We will email ideas to Mary**

### **Next Meeting:**

**Jan 12 at 5:39**