



September 30

2020

REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) met on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 11:30 AM via the Blue Jeans Video Conferencing Tool.

The public viewed the meeting via Video Conference.

ATTENDEES

Health and Safety Committee Members

Chairperson Melanie Bates, Eve Bolton, Ben Lindy

Administration/Staff

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent; Susan Bunte, Assistant Superintendent; Sarah Trimble-Oliver, Chief Strategy Officer

Community Partners

Jan Checco

Mark Jeffrey's goVirbrant

Student COVID Testing and Tracking Process

Assistant Superintendent Bunte informed the Committee about the following considerations that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided for schools to follow. She stated that CPS has put all of the below items in place.

Behaviors that Reduce Spread

1. Stay Home when Appropriate
2. Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
3. Cloth Face Coverings
4. Adequate Soap and Hand Sanitizer
5. Signs and Measures

Maintain Healthy Environments

6. Cleaning and Disinfection
7. Shared Classroom Supplies and Technology
8. Ventilation
9. Water Systems
10. Modified Layouts (classrooms and buses)
11. Physical Barriers and Guides
12. Communal Spaces (cafeterias + playgrounds)
13. Food Service

Maintain Healthy Operations

14. Protections for Staff and Children at Higher Risk

15. Regulatory Awareness (local rules about large gatherings)Gatherings, Visitors and Field Trips (eliminate)

16. Cohort Small Groups
17. Staggered Scheduling
18. Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact
19. Community Response Efforts
20. Communication Systems
21. Leave and Absence Policies
22. Back-Up Staffing Plan
23. Staff Training
24. Signs and Symptoms (daily health checks)
25. Sharing Facilities
26. Support Coping and Resilience

Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

27. Advise on Home Isolation Criteria
28. Isolate and Transport Sick
29. Clean and Disinfect
30. **Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts**

Ms. Bunte reported that the District is working with health officials and partners on item number 31: **Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts.**

Her report included information on how Children's Hospital assesses mild illnesses in children, assesses COVID-19 in pediatric patients, students tested at school, and call-in absences.

A detailed copy of the report is available in the Board office and upon request.

HVAC/Filtration Systems Upgrade in Schools – Robin Brandon, Director of Facilities

Ms. Brandon updated the Committee on the following processes in place and being put in place to address ventilation at District facilities.

- Building Automation System
- Filter changes as recommended by equipment manufacturers or quarterly
- Monthly filter inspections documented by Building Engineers and confirmed by Supervisors
- Increase air filtration to as high as possible without significantly diminishing design airflow
- Confirm proper filter fit to minimize filter bypass
- Confirm all exhaust fans are working properly
- Six air exchanges/hour/space
- Two hour building flush out prior to occupancy every day
- COVID + Procedures in place and tested

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Transportation/Bus Safety for School Reopening – Loren Johnson, Director of Transportation

Mr. Johnson updated the Committee on the following processes being put in place to transport students safely during COVID-19.

- Bus Vendors
 - First Student
 - National Express
 - Metro
 - UTS
 - Queen City
 - Petermann
- Transporting During COVID-19 Pandemic
- A Network Committee to Safety
- Communication of Safety
- Seating Charts for Buses; Daily Ridership Tracking
- Cleaning Vehicles

The Committee talked about the frequent testing of bus monitors due to their frequent contact with the students.

Mr. Lindy inquired about how mask wearing would be enforced for students on the buses. Mr. Johnson stated that students will be required to wear mask upon entering the bus and will be seated one student per seat, and required to have mask on upon entering, seated and exiting the bus. The bus monitors will also be making sure students are seated one to a seat and have their masks on.

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goVibrant Presentation on Schools Million Step Challenge and Virtual Physical Activity Sessions – Mark Jeffreys, Executive Director, GoVibrant

Mr. Jeffreys reported that goVibrant is a non-profit organization that is located in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a goal of “Making an Active, Energetic Lifestyle **Irresistible!**”

Mr. Jeffreys informed the Committee that CPS is in partnership with Bounce. Bounce is an activity-driven initiative for children and families.

He also updated the Committee on the Kids Million Step Challenge. The Million Step Challenge is a competition among neighborhoods in Cincinnati, and which neighborhoods can log the most steps in year 2020.

The following is an overview between goVibrant and CPS.

goVibrant One Pager 9.17.2020
Purpose: To provide an update on the current state of the partnership between goVibrant & the P.E. & Health Department in CPS.
Results/Recurring Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review outcomes and learnings from 2019-2020 • Share project plan for 2020-2021. • Share current support structures Strategic Measure 1.C: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decrease racial disparities in discipline rates, economic advantages, Student with Disabilities identification, Advanced Placement, gifted and enrichment services, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities.

go Vibrant Overview
Outcomes and Learnings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • go Vibrant has three main areas of focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walking Routes ○ Digital Content ○ Irresistible Experiences • 1st Annual Kids Million Step Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intended for ages 1-17 ○ Separate from the Neighborhood Challenge ○ Activity is logged on their website • 5th Annual Million Step Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Competition among neighborhoods in Cincinnati ○ CPS Participating Neighborhoods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Avondale ■ Clifton ■ Downtown ■ East Walnut Hills ■ Evanston ■ Golf Manor ■ Madisonville ■ Mt Washington ■ Mt Adams ■ Northside ■ Pleasant Ridge ■ Walnut Hills ■ CUF(Clifton Heights, University Heights, Fairview) ■ Bond Hill + Roselawn ■ Carthage/Hartwell ■ Oakley

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021
Support Structures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the P.E. & Health Department supporting go Vibrant’s initiatives? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Week of 8/3 - Used School Messenger to send out the notice of the 1st Annual Kids Million Step Challenge ○ Week of 8/10 - Notified Curriculum Council Chair & Steering Committee of Partnership ○ Identified Teachers Willing to Collaborate on Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Met with go Vibrant & YMCA on 8/21 to discuss how these partners can create <i>irresistible experiences</i> for our students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording physical activities videos or <i>digital content</i> that can be shared for asynchronous learning. • Hosting live physical activity sessions that teachers can sign up for ahead of time. 8/31 - Shared walking routes with all P.E. teachers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Post to Schoology Course(s) ■ Post Around Your School(s) ■ Email to Parents • 9/15 - Discussed the partnership in our first Curriculum Council Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers are excited! CC chair and I reached out for next steps.

Committee member Bolton recommended that Ms. Wolf reach out to the Outside Group and to CPS' Career Education Department to get connected with the Outside Group.

"Masks On" Student Initiative - Committee Discussion

Committee Chair Bates informed the Committee about a "Masks On" student led-initiative within the community to eradicate COVID-19.

The initiative will feature students as leaders in the initiative. Ms. Bates also stated that Cincinnati Federation of Teacher's President, Julie Sellers, is aware of the idea and has given support to the initiative. Ms. Sellers stated that teachers would be a great asset for involvement within the initiative.

She also informed the group that Procter and Gamble has a "mask on" initiative as part of their branding and CPS could possibly link into their social networks.

Ms. Bates also thought it would be very powerful if teachers and students ask the community to put their "masks on" since students want to get back in the classroom. She also stated that this would be a great way to showcase CPS students in a positive way. The students could create videos to show on social networks emphasizing that it's a good thing and socially acceptable to wear masks.

Committee member Lindy agreed that "masks on" is a good idea and to use existing student leader groups, community, parent, and teacher-led groups.

Committee member Bolton advised to include 7-12 grades in the initiative allowing them to patrol themselves and making it the "cool thing to do" or right thing to do. She also suggested using a behavior contract about the students keeping themselves healthy, which in turn would keep the city healthy.

Ms. Bolton also suggested including media, individuals who are pro-CPS, celebrities, and professionals to help center the initiative around students wanting to be in school.

Superintendent Mitchell reported that existing student leadership groups could help promote the initiative among students. Groups could include Girls to Women (high school level), M.O.R.E. (elementary and high school level) and the social justice leadership group.

Mrs. Mitchell also stated that a CPS campaign could be led by CPS employees who go out into the communities.

She also recommended reaching out to health care professionals, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and the Cincinnati Health Department.

ACTION: Superintendent Mitchell will put together a project plan on how to kick off the initiative upon the Committee's recommendation to the full Board for approval.

Other Business

Testing Students

Committee member Lindy inquired about the possibility of testing all students for COVID-19. Superintendent Mitchell reported that a Quality Improvement Project Team has already been formed to research this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Health and Safety Committee

Melanie Bates, Chair

Eve Bolton

Ben Lindy

Staff Liaisons

Laura Mitchell, Superintendent

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