

Board Special Meeting
Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update
September 3, 2020, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director DeWolf called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update

This work session was staffed by Superintendent Juneau; Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker, Director of School & Community Partnerships James Bush; Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee; Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge; Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver; Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta; and Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement Dr. Keisha Scarlett.

- Building Use

Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta, Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge, and Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza presented an overview of building uses, including Special Education services, meal pickup sites, technology resource centers, childcare, health centers, and managing risks under COVID-19. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker presented on 2020-21 SPS Preschool Programs.

- Childcare

Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement Dr. Keisha Scarlett and Director of School & Community Partnerships James Bush presented on partnerships with childcare providers utilizing SPS buildings. Chief Legal Officer Greg Narver presented on policy and procedure related to building use. Directors and staff discussed the Community Alignment Initiative, implications of safe building use for childcare providers and other purposes, and coordination with principals.

Director Hampson requested information about the cost of providing cleaning for childcare spaces.

Directors and staff discussed reviewing HVAC issues at schools, IEP processes, and working with community-based organizations.

Directors Harris and Mack requested an Excel spreadsheet of Community Based Organizations.

Director Hersey requested information regarding the discontinuation of meals at six sites. Mr. Podesta confirmed information would be provided.

Directors and staff discussed meal service sites, pop-ups for technology and translation services, and how the district is communicating this information.

Director Mack requested information on the current plan for the start of school and which CBOs would be in each building, how many childcare slots they plan to have, and how much space they are using in buildings. Mr. Bush spoke to information about childcare currently available on the district website and noted that he could share the master partner list and offered to meet to walk through additional information from the partner portal. Directors and staff discussed opening childcare sites and information still being compiled. Director Mack requested that information be provided in follow up by email or Friday Memo.

Directors and staff discussed coordination of attestation at buildings, accommodations and best practices for the remote learning environment, the timeline for receiving in-person services for students with IEPs, the role of the principal with respect to building usage, in-person instruction, use of outdoor spaces, and conducting classes outdoors.

Director Rivera-Smith requested information regarding planning for reopening buildings for in-person instruction. Ms. Kokx said that the information could be provided by Friday Memo.

Directors and staff discussed safety protocols and data used to select technology sites.

Director Hampson facilitated a panel consisting of a parent and childcare providers, who spoke to the needs of students. Panelists included parent Adele Kulisewa; Susan Brown, President and CEO of Kids Co.; and Angela Griffin, Executive Director of Launch. Directors expressed appreciation to the panelists and spoke about further collaboration and next steps.

Director Mack requested information on whether the district should consider reducing collection of garbage and recycling in buildings that are not in use and related information regarding being financially responsible with respect to building services.

Director Harris spoke about noting the panel discussion on the website.

Adjourn

Director DeWolf adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor's proclamation prohibiting public agencies from conducting meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act in-person to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Public access was provided remotely through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:
School Board Office staff