

Reopening Task Force Meeting
July 7, 2020

Overview

- Hybrid meeting
- So many volunteers! Parents, students, staff and School Board
- Introductions
- Review of agenda - full group 4-5 meetings; subcommittees will meet in between to complete tasks
- Large group will review the work and it will be vetted by the whole committee

1. State of NH Task Force

- Report due out this week
- We will publish info on our COVID page
- Do we have a school nurse on committee? Yes, not ESD nurse
- Review of MA, VT plans
- NH has local control - Opening schools is a local decision
- 57,000 parents took survey sent out by NH DOE Task Force
- 68% Elementary & Middle School and 74% High School want kids to return in some form
- NH Task Force is recommending school open with safety precautions
- This committee will make recommendations and present final plan to School

Board on 8/6

2. Epping Survey

- 80% of staff (87 responded) want to return in some capacity
- 87% of parents (390 responded) want to return in some capacity
- 85% of students want to return in some capacity

Ellen Needham - wished plan to address substitute teachers

Nicole Kukesh - the focus of the committee is first to open schools in fall and secondly update remote learning plans if ordered to go back to remote learning

Sunny Newman - kids want to go back

Cameron Wishart - kids want to go to school

Jordenne Sargent - we need to remember or plan for options for those who don't feel comfortable returning.

NH is looking at expanding VLACS K-12 as one option

3. Subcommittees:

a) Health & Safety

Tracy Bell

Jordenne Sargent

Emily Kelly

Ellen Needham

Barbara Wittingham

b) Operations & Extra Curriculars

Austin Clark
Bonnie Sandstrom
Don Nichols
Laurie Underwood
Dave Mylott
Karen Mongeon
Nicole Bizzaro
Brian Ernest
Nicole Kukesh
Brian Ernest

c) Teaching & Learning

Joy Page
Sean Meagher
Heather Clark
Rachael Pattee
Sunny Newman
Heather Cantagallo
Joann McCann*
Debbie Jankowsky*
Amy Newman

d) Social Emotional (Including Communication)

Cathy Zylinski
Heather Charkowski
Shana McTague
Romain Wishart
Cameron Wishart
Sarah Wagner
Coby Troidl
Melanie Friese
Coby Troidl

- This group may continue to meet throughout the year
- Meet with subcommittees at least 1 - 2x
- Meet weekly as a whole group
- Need to set next meeting > Monday, July 13th from 1 - 4 pm

