

**Mansfield School Committee
Return to Learning Subcommittee
Minutes for March 9, 2021**

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A meeting of the Mansfield School Committee Return to Learning subcommittee was opened and called to order at 8:02am.

Attendees: Lauren Scher, Linda Fernando, Teresa Murphy, Michael Connolly

Approval of Minutes

February 9 - approved.

New Business

- *Transition to in-person learning*
 - Robinson – K update
 - There was a smooth transition to full time Kindergarten. It was a busy week because it also coincided with Read Across American and 100th day.
 - 3 Robinson students were in quarantine from the week before due to being a close contact. The designated staff member to support students in quarantine is working out well thus far.
 - 188 (out of 226) started 5-days on March 1.
 - Approximately 10 students moved from virtual (or private school) to in-person.
 - Less than 40 are in the virtual remote cohort.
 - Goal is to get K-8 in by April 5th (Commissioner would like K-5 by that date)
 - The original plan was for a slower phase-in; however, the Commissioner's guidance suggests going faster. The Commissioner recommends April 5 for K-5 and April 26 for 6-8. However, in Mansfield, the middle school is just as ready to move to full time as the elementary grades.
 - It might be possible to bring some grades sooner (for example, March 22), but waiting until 4/5 for all of K-8 gives a few extra weeks for teachers to get vaccines and work out all logistics.
 - At QMS, the April 5 start date would also make more sense than April 26 given the spring vacation week and the likelihood of travel quarantining.
 - Input from teachers is vital to the success of this roll out; they have been involved from the beginning. Administration is currently negotiating with MTA.
 - Vaccinations
 - Thus far, teachers have been able to get vaccines at other locations. Still looking into the potential for clinics. Right now, teachers are having their time covered if they need to leave to get a vaccination. Teachers can use sick days to cover vaccination or the days that follow. Many teachers have gotten vaccines over the weekend.
 - Other districts are asking for parent volunteers to help out as needed; this could be something to consider. MESA parents have expressed interest in this. Other school districts have been relying on parent volunteers for support (Swampscott, Norton).
 - Announcements may come after the Governor's next press conference on Thursday regarding specific vaccination opportunities for educators.

- World Travel Club: is there a requirement for students to have the vaccine? Teresa will discuss w Andy.
- Suggestions for upcoming presentation to SC
 - Summarize key issues in a limited number of few slides.
 - Be clear about the items that are still being worked on
 - Any document that might be prepared for public consumption should be clear about safety measures (for example, cleaning protocols, ventilation, COVID mitigation strategies, transportation) and user-friendly.

Meeting adjourned: 9:05

Next meeting: March 30, 2021, 8:00 am