

**Mansfield School Committee
Returning & Learning Subcommittee
Minutes for October 18, 2021**

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A meeting of the Mansfield School Committee Return to Learning subcommittee was opened and called to order at 10:32am.

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

Approval of Minutes: 9/23/21, approved 2-0

New Business

- Health and safety update
 - Vaccine rates as of 9/29 were shared with School Committee
 - 74% at MHS vaccinated – Christine Dooling is working on information to see if there are others who are vaccinated
 - Covid dashboard data as of 10/13. Active cases (student/staff) at each school:
 - MHS 0/0, (there have been 5 students in total since beginning of the school year)
 - QMS 4/0
 - JJ 5/0
 - Robinson 3/0
 - Roland Green 0/0
 - Contact tracing continues to be the greatest challenge
 - 10/26 School Committee meeting
 - Commissioner will make announcement on/around 10/30 regarding masking requirements – rumored to want to keep masking (on 10/15, schools were able to attest to 80% vax rates; only 4 schools did this)
 - Teresa has been speaking with other districts – others are recommending they stay w masking and revisit in Jan
 - SC will need to make some decisions – vaccine rate, mask requirements, etc.
 - Decision was made to do virtual conferences in the fall/winter; email will be sent out shortly
- Plans for MCAS presentation
 - There are many ways to present MCAS findings and are working to determine what to focus on. Mike will be meeting with the building principals to prepare the presentation.
 - Lauren and Linda agreed that it isn't necessary to go into the weeds of each data point, but it is important to provide context and comparisons (consider to the state and to DART schools).
 - Will be important to make it clear that MCAS scores are just one data point/tool and to discuss this in the context of broader efforts in monitoring progress and supporting student growth.

Meeting closed at 11:30am

Next meeting: TBD