

The Watershed School

Academic Policy Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

1) Welcome and call to order

- a. Commenced: 6:03pm
- b. APC in attendance: Jason, Jarrod, Kelly, Amy, Dave, Becky, Abigail, Moira, Carie, Renee
- c. Zoom total participants: 58

2) Testimony: Non-agenda items

- a. none

3) Head teacher report

- a. Lottery application is now open online
 - i. New format– paperless (Google forms)
 - ii. March 31st application deadline
 - iii. April 14th lottery

4) Testimony: Agenda items – 2 minutes allowed (for reading emails and live testimony)

- a. **Read emails:** accepted until 1/7 5:30pm (25 responses) – APC will read aloud in order of which was received. (The APC read the email testimony in entirety prior to the meeting.)

No in-person: 15
Yes in-person: 9
Yes – only if staff feel safe: 1

- b. **Live testimony** (4 responses)

No in-person: 3
Yes in-person: 1

Chasity Perez

Supports continuing to follow Smart Start
SEL – a concern recognized and we have a counselor that is available.
Collaborative work isn't going to happen like most envision
Lunch concerns (no easy way to distance kids)
Outdoors opportunities, but challenges implementing
District's plan doesn't take into account consistency

Peggy Haas

Shared experiences won't be what we want or have seen in the past
Supports staying remote until yellow zone case count numbers
Her 2 kids going in-person because she needs to dedicate her time on her students
and this is the best way to do so

Jennifer Babcock

Support for full in-person learning
Can't see how current conditions can get better, so must go forward and get kids into
school
Parents can jump in to sub if needed

Ben Overacker

Over the year leaned on the more cautious side for school
Empathize with other families
Supports the staff
Wait and stick with the yellow zone plan outlined earlier
Vaccines are coming

5) Discussion/Action Items:

a. School District plan Jan-Feb 2021

- i. Jason commented that we are deviating from District, but not in agreement about their decision
- ii. Motion: Motion to not follow the school districts in-person plan
- iii. Moved: Amy, 2nded: Abigail
- iv. Votes: Yeas – all APC
 1. Passes unanimously

b. Red Zone Phase-In plan

- i. This is the plan in the high-risk kids, part time in the MPR.
 1. K-2 will be M-Th in mornings
 2. 3-8 cohorts A/B M/W or T/Th in afternoons.
- ii. This meets the Smart Start guidelines.
- iii. Proctored remote learning. 3 staff members assigned to these pods.
- iv. Staff identified students that need additional support (some is internet connectivity).
Based on evidence in 1st semester and communication with parents.
 1. All staff communicate with each other to come to a consensus on who is most at need for slots
 2. Connectivity and accountability and motivation for some students
 3. Scheduling for parents may be difficult but worth a try
- v. Question: Will this plan replace interventions previously tried or identified?
 1. Amy says no, this is another tool to use
- vi. Question: If parents “sign up” do they need to commit or have consistent attendance?
 1. Jarrod says that he would like to see it being as consistent as possible, realizing illness could keep kids home
- vii. Motion: Motion to adopt the Proposed Phase-in Plan during Red Zone for high-risk students starting January 19, 2021.
- viii. Moved: Dave, 2nded: Renee
- ix. Votes: Yeas - all APC
 1. Passes unanimously

c. Developing graduated “Orange” plan to ramp to Yellow Zone Hybrid plan

- i. Staff survey results (16 staff responded – Jarrod did not take the survey)
 1. How concerned are you to follow FNSBSD plan for all in-person for all interested students?
 - a. 1 comfortable, 15 extremely comfortable
 2. How concerned are you about developing an “Orange Zone” to transition to yellow zone (*i.e., develop a transition plan to yellow zone to implement during red zone*)?
 - a. 1 comfortable, 2 neutral, 8 somewhat uncomfortable, 5 extremely uncomfortable

3. How concerned are you to Implement Watershed Yellow Zone plan while in Red Zone?
 - a. 1 comfortable, 15 extremely comfortable
- ii. Amy read a statement about concerns of having kids in the classroom during red zone.
- iii. Motion: Motion to have Jarrod develop an outdoor experience red zone plan to evaluate at our next meeting.
- iv. Moved: Renee, 2nded: Abigail
- v. Votes: Yeas - all APC
 1. Passes unanimously

6) Next meeting date: February 18, 6pm, Zoom

7) Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn from Dave, 2nded: Becky
- b. 8:18pm