

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Zoom Meeting
August 25, 2020

Present: Wallace Johnston, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Sara Wilson, Vice Chair, CCSC
Heather Bout, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Alexa Anderson, CSC; CCSC
Eva Mostoufi, CCSC

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Jared Stanton, Director of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnston called the CCSC meeting to order at 5:02 PM, noting that it was being recorded. Ms. Bout then called the CSC meeting to order. Roll call attendance was taken: Rainey, aye; Wilson, aye; Mostoufi, aye; Bout, aye; Booth, aye; Johnston, aye. Ms. Bout noted that Ms. Anderson was in attendance on a phone line.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committees received 5 emails related to re-entry to school.

IV. CHAIRS & LIASIONS REPORT

Ms. Bout thanked Mr. Booth for taking over as Chair over the past few weeks. Mr. Booth stated that Lori Trahan is hosting an online meeting on Thursday with the Commissioner of Education.

Mr. Johnston stated that the Public Access Committee is having a meeting on September 30th, noting that he is the SC liaison. He suggested that another member attend the meeting due to his term ending.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Given with Reopening Updates under Reports for Discussion.

VI. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Fall 2020 Reopening/Task Force Updates. Dr. Hunter shared a set of slides outlining discussion topics; based on questions she's received from SC members, noting that administrators were available to be part of the discussion. Dr. Hunter reviewed: in-person, hybrid, remote models and individual remote learning plans and the elementary principals provided additional information/clarification. Dr. Hunter reviewed staffing at the schools, noting that the District is working with teachers/counselors/service providers who may need to teach remotely due to health concerns. She also noted that there are many issues with childcare due to districts not fully returning in person.

Dr. Hunter reviewed the hybrid model at CMS, noting Wednesdays would be fully remote, with early dismissal at 1:30 PM. She suggested that, given the limited availability of fans at the middle school buildings, going remote for high temperatures days. Mr. Cameron, CMS Principal, noted that the all remote day would be used for building community and connections, as well as focusing on SEL goals.

Dr. Hunter reviewed the CCHS schedule and stated that Ninth Grade Academy is moving forward. She recommended leaving open campus status quo, with juniors and seniors being able to leave campus with parent permission. Mr.

Mastrullo, CCHS Principal, gave an overview of 9th Grade Academy and Open Campus, noting the limited capacity of space for lunch times due to social distancing. Dr. Hunter noted that those students who go off campus are still expected to adhere to all of the safety protocols.

Dr. Hunter reviewed coverage plans for substitutes, nurses and administrators, noting that additional support staff will be hired for CMS and CCHS to help with supervision. She stated that the District will be onboarding one of the daily per diem sub nurses for support as needed.

Dr. Hunter reviewed student schedules, noting that the schedules have been built for safety and distance practices. Ms. Anderson noted her concern with homework and screen fatigue and Dr. Hunter stated that she sees homework as wrapping up what was occurring during daily classes, noting that this will be one of the pieces of the feedback loop. Mr. Mastrullo, Mr. Miller, CCHS Assistant Principal, and Justin Cameron, CMS Principal, shared more detailed information on how the remote classrooms would work with zooming into the in-person classes, as well as how students would access tech support should they have any issues.

Mr. Lucey thanked Concord Police Department for all of their support with pickup and drop offs at each school. Dr. Hunter thanked all of the Town departments, noting how grateful she is for their support. Transportation Manager, John Arena, stated that transportation is ongoing, with constant updates and changes, noting that all social distancing measures are in place. Mr. Booth noted how critical transportation is and the importance of transportation staff in the student experience each day. Mr. Arena stated that his staff feels passionate about their jobs and the students, noting their appreciation for the SC and administrations support. The principals provided updates on the drop off and pickup procedures at each building. Ms. Mezdad questioned what was in place for bus air quality and Mr. Arena stated that windows and hatches will open and the mounted fans will help with air flow.

Mr. Hughes, Facilities Manager, stated that HVAC technicians are looking at the uninvents at Peabody and Sanborn to ensure the units are operating correctly. He stated that HEPA filters will be installed and will run while class is in session, noting that there will be negative flow HEPA filters installed at all schools in the nurses office isolation rooms. He stated that the District will also be conducting randomized CO2 monitoring while classes are in session.

Dr. Hunter stated that there will be a Special Education parent event (date and time TBD), also noting that the District sent out invitations to identified students in the intensive programming to attend full time.

Dr. Hunter stated that reminders will be sent out to families about the impact of the choices that students and families are making now, as well as decisions made outside of school when it opens, regarding social distancing and safety measures. She also noted the importance of the out of state travel advisory and quarantining or COVID testing upon return. Dr. Hunter stated that the contracts and handbooks will be finalized shortly and sent out.

The SC thanked Dr. Hunter and her administrative team for all of their hard work on the thorough and comprehensive plan to reopen and Mr. Lucey noted all of the hard work of the committees. Dr. Hunter also noted the communities' engagement, stating that nothing was built in isolation.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to Approve Surplus Chairs at CCHS. A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the removal of 62 lobby chairs from CCHS. The motion passed by roll call: Mostoufi, aye; Wilson, aye; Bout, aye; Booth, aye; Rainey, aye; Johnston, aye.

B. Vote to Approve School Committee Policy: EBCFA – Face Coverings. Mr. Booth reviewed additional suggested edits to Policy EBCFA, including adding a paragraph on the importance of community cooperation as well as types of acceptable face coverings. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, that the Policy EBCFA recommendation presented last week be approved with the following changes: 1) Source MASC be removed 2) new paragraph 3 added - All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must:

- Be made with at least 2 layers of breathable material, or has pre approval from the school nurse
- Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- At this time, based on guidance from health authorities, neck gaiters, open-chin triangles bandanas and face coverings containing valves, mesh material or holes of any kind are not acceptable face coverings.

The motion passed by roll call: Rainey, aye (for both); Booth, aye (for both); Bout, aye (for both); Mostoufi, aye; Wilson, aye; Johnston, aye (for both).

The SC discussed upcoming meetings and agreed upon September 3rd and 15th at 5:00 PM.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Session. A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, that the Concord School Committee and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session under Purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and not return to Open Session. The motion passed by roll call: Rainey, aye (for both); Booth, aye (for both); Bout, aye (for both); Wilson, aye; Mostoufi, aye; Johnson, aye (for both) and Open Session ended at 7:58 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Booth to adjourn Executive Session. The motion passed by roll call and Executive Session adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 9.29.20

Abbreviations:

CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRS	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CCTA	Concord-Carlisle Teachers’ Association
CMS	Concord Middle School
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
FTE	Full Time Employee
METCO	Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
MMN	Minuteman Media Network
SC	School Committee
SEL	Social Emotional Learning
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council