

Pandemic Operations – Transportation/Nutrition/Facilities Committee

July 22 Agenda and Notes

Present: Charlie Gerke, Kendra Grove, Greg Harris, Frank Petrie, Teri Summers, Kris Curnes, Robert Bogden

1. Introduction of committee members – Committee members introduced themselves and shared their respective roles and responsibilities within the MSD and the community.
2. Review of actions/procurement of materials completed so far – Frank and Charlie reviewed protective and disinfecting materials procured so far and plans for additional procurement: MSD has enough Virex 256 disinfectant on hand for the entire school year. A full pallet of 4'x8' Plexiglas has been ordered and should be received this week. This will be enough material for the fabrication of a portable barriers for every teacher and counselor. Fabrication will be done by MSD carpenter Jeff Hoger and we are looking into an offer of fabrication assistance made by West Park PAT member and UI staff member Brian Petty. Jeff has made a prototype on the MHS "ShopBot" which we will share with teachers for feedback. We have also ordered and received 100 face shields which will be designated for those teachers working with special needs students and other staff who are required by their jobs to be in physical contact with students or who are handling with materials with higher contamination potential (i.e. – cooks and food service workers, custodians). We have received ~2500 disposable face masks and 58 gallons of hand sanitizer through a donation through the Idaho State Department of Education. MSD is currently working on acquiring more face masks and identifying and acquiring a Covid-effective disinfectant that can be used in food prep and service areas. Bert Bogden and Frank agreed that it would be wise to stay away from new and unproven products as the market is currently being flooded with new materials. MSD maintenance staff have also assessed options for water bottle fillers at several schools and have plans in place for Russell Elementary and MMS so far.
3. Timeline for re-opening decision – MSD Operations committee members noted that the sooner a decision can be made regarding our re-opening plans, the sooner they can get started on firming up plans and protocols in the areas of student transportation, student nutrition and custodial service. Charlie agreed to share this concern with the MSD Board of Trustees, Dr. Bailey and the Pandemic Oversight Committee.
4. Questions from/for MSD Transportation, Student Nutrition and Facilities Supervisors – What information is needed for continued planning and procurement? What are the primary concerns committee members want to see addressed? See #3 above.
5. Tasks/assignments for committee members – MSD Supervisors will meet with Dr. Bailey on Thursday, 7.23 to review concerns and questions, and reinforce the need for a decision on school re-opening structure as soon as possible. MSD staff will continue to review draft protocols and the fabrication and acquisition of protective materials and retrofitted drinking water equipment.
6. Next meeting – Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7.28.2020 at 1 p.m.