

Riverview School District No. 407
DRAFT Minutes of Reopening Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2021
5:30-7:00 PM Via Zoom

The *purpose* of the committee will be to advise the school district on the nuances to consider as we move through the phases of Reopening. This will include discussion and recommendations concerning the structure and timing of the phases.

Introduction – Dr. Anthony Smith, Riverview Superintendent:

Dr. Smith started with a thank you to the Committee for helping contribute to the Riverview Reopening Plans. He shared that Committee accomplishments include:

- Suggested questions and ideas for community communications.
- Attended school visitations (4 different school districts visited, 5 days scheduled for visits, 10 total schools visited, including 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, and 2 high schools).
- Provided an informed forum for discourse.
- Served as direct resource for community

Riverview School Board Decision

At the Tuesday, February 23, 2021 Riverview School Board Meeting, Dr. Smith was directed to reopen secondary schools according to the schedule previously shared and with an AM/PM model. All dates are tentative. Note that the District is in current discussions with labor partners to produce MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding) for anything that deviates from the current contracts. Dr. Smith stressed that the unions are phenomenal partners and have the right to bargain. He emphasized that it is not helpful to disclose details while they are in the middle of this process. However, it is going well as all parties continue to work together and make progress. Current union agreements are posted on the Riverview website: www.rsd407.org.

Breakout Rooms:

Dr. Smith broke the committee into three groups: K-5 (Elementary), Middle School and High School. He asked the breakout groups to discuss these questions, as well as what is the right time to disband this Committee?

For Elementary K-5

1. For those who are back to In-Person learning, how is it going for students, teachers, and parents? What is going well? What are some challenges?
2. What is needed for students, staff, and parents? What additional resources are needed, if any?
3. When should this Committee disband?

For Secondary 6-8 and Secondary 9-12

1. Update on the school visitations from White River School District. What was learned? How can the information help us?
2. In heading towards an AM/PM model, what plans are being made? What are next steps?
3. What is needed in terms of structure, resources, and communication?
4. When should this Committee disband?

Summary of K-5 Elementary Breakout:

Going Well/Challenges: Happy kids back in school, even previously apprehensive students. Parents committed to the challenges because kids are thriving. Kids are socializing, energy is alive in the buildings, dots and spots are helping with distance. Challenges: asynchronous specialist time, Zoom Wednesdays.

What is needed: Bus drivers, vaccines, more/better air filters, monitors to reassure air flow is moving. Fall Schedule, continued reopening of all school buildings for student mental health.

Disband: Propose not to disband, instead keep planning for fall and possible full day return. Change frequency of meetings as needed.

Summary of Middle School Breakout:

White River Visitation: 6 weeks in-person, smooth check in process, kids following procedures with few reminders, lots of directional signage. Teachers more comfortable after seeing it all in person. Positive academically with students completing and turning in work. Many of the processes can be modified for Tolt.

AM/PM: Model is ready, next step is schedule with final details as soon as collective bargaining is complete. Videos are being created and will be released soon to show students what a day in the life will look like –These videos will be shown to students in current classes prior to return to in-person learning. Additional pictures of signage, stanchions, expectations will help students and parents feel safer about plans in place. March 15 is still tentative.

What is needed: Parents need to know that school will not be the same as it was. Communicate exactly what the student experience will be via remote learning. Survey is coming soon. Post videos on website, email, and social media.

Summary of High School Breakout:

White River Visitation: Key lessons are that there is a need for clear expectations for students and parents, including a manual or guide. Observations included TSA approach to entering school (attestation app, temp check, stamp), teachers and students both on Zoom and in person, separate seats for AM and PM students, tables cleaned every class period; taped off zones between teachers and students, no lingering after class or between classes, fun signage with responsibilities, not a lot of student talking, rapid testing available for teachers and athletes, reduced academic time, 10% of in-person students had to change classes. Concerns that staff limitations and building layout offer challenges at CHS.

AM/PM: Plans are in place. Working out the details of executing the plans, including logistics, curriculum, transitioning staff, transportation, and PPE. CHS staff committee is working out details.

What is needed: Need increased transparency and communication to the community.

Disband: Keep the Committee but consider adjusting the frequency of meetings.

Updates and Clarifications:

Bargaining

Question: The union is allowed to bargain for anything not under their current agreement. In what ways is the COVID crisis covered under their current agreement — thus deviations allowing negotiation? Dr. Smith stated that the COVID Crisis/National Emergency changed teachers and classified staff schedules, work conditions, and certain benefits. RSD has been meeting regularly with the unions throughout the crisis.

Secondary Reopening Dates

Question: The School Board directed reopening to be complete by March 29, is that the final date? Dr. Smith reminded the Committee that the District is in negotiations. This means that they may or may not deviate from

March 15th for middle school and March 29th for high school. Dr. Smith reiterated that progress will be made and always has been made as these groups work together. The District will be bringing students back on an AM/PM model.

Next Steps

- Dr. Smith will reach out to a member of each breakout group to help create a synopsis of what was done/summary Committee minutes that can be published for the Community.
- Recommendations for the Fall: Phase 7 is “back to normal.” No guidance published yet by OSPI, CDC, Federal, or State government.

Reopening Advisory Committee Meeting Dates:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday March 4, 2021	5:30-7:00pm	Zoom
Thursday, March 18, 2021	5:30-7:00pm	Zoom
Thursday April 1, 2021	5:30-7:00pm	Zoom
Thursday May 6, 2021	5:30-7:00pm	Zoom

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