**LITTLE RIVER RE-OPENING INFORMATION SESSION WITH DR HOGANS**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 6pm**

**Another session will take place on Thursday the 11th. More information will be shared then. Spanish translation services will be available at Thursday’s meeting.**

*6:00pm Meeting Convened*

Dr. Hogans started the meeting with bullet points for about 15 minutes and then opened the meeting for Q&A

* Monday, March 15th elementary students allowed back to in-person instructions
* April 8th Middle grades allowed back
* Elementary staff is engaged this week for final preparations for students returning Monday
* **ACCESS TO THE BUILDING**
* Car rider lane back of school

-Drivers will remain in their cars (only students to enter building)

* Bus drop offs/pick-ups front of school

*NOTES: No one can be walked into school EXCEPT FOR PREK STUDENTS*

*Only staff and students have access to the buildings*

*All students will immediately go to their classrooms*

* **SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – Bell schedule 7:25am-2:15pm
* Remote learning will shift up to that bell schedule also
* Screening and walk into school will begin unloading at 7:05am
* **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Screening for drive in children: upon exiting car, temperature check

* Electronic wellness check must be completed daily prior to arrival (wellness questions -likely exposure to covid, temperature, presenting any symptoms)

Student will not be permitted to enter the school building without passing the wellness screening

Screening for bus riders: Before entering bus in morning, in addition to online wellness check, printed attestation form will have to be turned in (filled and signed by parents)

* Additional screening: upon exiting bus at the school, temperature check
* **CLASSROOM SETUP WITH COVID PROTOCOLS**
* Six feet of social distancing with existing furniture in the classroom
* Teachers can teach in the classroom, but can also use the opportunity to teach outside (using the protocols)
* **MASK BREAKS**
* Social time/recess - OUTDOORS
* Outside and free play, they can remove their mask but students will be encouraged to keep social distancing
* Using multiple spaces for recess to spread out the students appropriately
* **MEALS**
* Meal services have been financed via a grant
* Breakfast – grab and go (bagged)
* Lunch – hot lunch in a container but no choice on what will be served
* Will be eating in the classroom
* Can bring your own lunches
* **FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION AND REMOTE INSTRUCTION**
* Elementary students - Dedicated set of teachers for in-person instructions and set of teachers for remote instruction
* Middle School students – hybrid model of teachers who will be charged with in-person and remote instructions
* Students will still be using their chromebooks and using Canvas as the management system
* Some students will experience teacher re-assignments – you will receive that email via Parent Portal by Thursday evening if not sooner
* **MEDIA CENTER**
* students will have access to media center to be able to check out books (covid protocols in place)
* **SPECIALS/ENCORE**
* Students will go to their respective class rooms for their classrooms (music room for music class, etc.)
* Very strict parameters of usage of the gym – PE will be mostly outside, but weather issues, gym will have special cleaning if used
* **ORGANIZING MOVING IN THE BUILDING**
* Signage on the floors, signage for hygiene practices, etc.
* **HEALTH PRECAUTIONS**
* Protocols in place if a case comes up
* Target where we need to focus our attention
* Contact tracing – where case is coming from
* Isolation/quarantine – how that affects that child, that class, etc.
* Cases will be communicated affectively and promptly
* **CHROMEBOOK USAGE**
* We will continue to use the Chromebooks in various capacities, mostly in class (won’t go home each night).
* **CHANGE YOUR MIND?**
* For elementary students only, the process for changing from in-person to virtual. That will be shared with you via email.
* For middle school students, what you have decided must remain in place so that LR can comply with safety protocols pertaining to numbers and social distancing.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PORTION OF MEETING**

**Why is the start time for virtual learning moving to an earlier time?**

In order for our schedule to work, everything has to be shifted up.

March 15th start and end time will begin at 7:25am for the entire school.

**Menu of lunch items provided?**

More information will be provided by Thursday

**The electronic wellness check is how often?**

Daily.

**Bus Attestation Form is a physical form or an electronic form?**

A physical form. Between now and Monday you will need to print it out. After that the form will go home with the student each day.

**When will the middle school schedule be released?**

By the latest, March 24th by the end of that week.

**For car line, will parents need a number for it to go smoothly?**

You will need a car line number – you will likely have the same number as previous years. If you are new, you will be issued a new number.

**What if two families are carpooling how do the numbers work?** Both numbers need to be shown. You will need to have already told the school. As a family, you will authorize who you grant permission to pick up or drop off your child. You will call the school if any emergencies arise, and that others will be picking up your child. They will need to show ID to pick up.

**How will our new kids find their classrooms?**

Adult supervision will be stationed at the entry ways and in the hallways

**How will you sign up for car line information and get a number?**

Must be on Parent Portal and we will communicate with you about numbers assigned.

**Car Line Information: How is it working?**

Come into main entrance and pull down the driveway to the left side of the school and take the gravel drive to the back of the school.

**Will the district be providing masks for students?**

Disposable masks will be available if needed- \*update from superintendent’s meeting: district will provide five reusable face coverings per student.

**Any rules about masks that the students can or cannot wear?**

Masks with ear loops or loops/ ties behind the head that cover the nose as well as the mouth. Gaiters will not be acceptable.

**Can students bring their own breakfast and lunch?**

Students may bring their own meals.

**What is the process for picking up children early?** **Doctor’s appointment or otherwise.**

Note must be brought in and given to teacher. Office will be notified. Alternately, the parent can call the office to alert the school. Upon arrival at school, either:

1. Buzz the bell and state why you are here. Return to your vehicle, and the child will be escorted to your car.
2. Stay in your car and call the school office that you are there for your child. Child will be escorted to your car.

**How many students can fit in an average classroom per the six-ft protocols?**

Approximately 15 students per classroom (although we can do more under the current model – for example: 2nd grade will have 20 students that can be distanced enough per the protocol)

**Will all students have Wellness Wednesday regardless of in-person or remote?**

Yes. Elementary students will be in class M, Tu, Th, F. Wednesday is remote for all.

**After School program will be in place? What about Monday? How do I sign up?**

Yes, after care will be in operation. Go to community education website to complete the registration for after care.

**Remote Learning – How is it going to look besides the time shift?**

Virtual learners will experience very little change. The time shift will align to the in-person schedule but shouldn’t see much change.

**What happens when a child does not comply with mask wearing?**

We will be encouraging and redirect them to the proper behavior. If the student has an exceptionality we have to consider, we will continue to work with the student and the family to teach those students in an understanding manner.

If a student refuses to comply and has no exceptionality, but rather refuses to comply, they will be shifted to virtual.

**EOGs will take place?** EOGs will take place this year.

**What will that look like?** States have broad flexibility in conducting and administering those tests. Every school district will have to come with its testing plan. Broader window to complete end of grade testing. In person testing – in the building. Last 10 days of school (3rd -8th grades) dedicated for EOGs testing. Will be administered over a longer period of time so that all students (in person and virtual) will come to the building.

**If student has to be quarantined, ill, etc. how will you participate in instruction, assignments, etc.?**

Students should focus on getting better if sick.

If out for a day or two due to symptoms (allergies, etc) but able to work, teacher will provide assignments in Canvas that will allow student to avoid an ‘absence’

If quarantined for covid: virtual school program.

Missing school for extended period of time: communicate with the school – form filled out. Temporarily receive virtual instructions.

* Teachers will work with the families to attempt to get the student the education they need – be it a packet of homework or access through canvas.
* Medical forms should show that your child may have allergies or asthma so that the teacher and school is aware of these conditions.

**How many students are staying remote and how many attending in person?**

258 students are going to be in-person

197 students are remaining virtual

**Will computers need to go back and forth each day for in-person?**

Once the Chromebooks come to the building, we will be having them stay in the building. Occasionally they will need to go home with some students in the older grades.

**For Chromebooks wouldn’t the students need them for wellness Wednesdays?**

What will likely happen is that on WW, there would be non-computer-based activities assigned for that day. Still evolving though.

**Will parents have supply lists? Will parents need to haul them in with them on Monday for elementary students returning?**

Teachers will provide supply lists. Shouldn’t be too much that the child cannot bring in the first day in his back pack.

**If the student currently wears a neck gaiter but not a standard face mask, will they be required to switch to a mask?**

Yes, the student has to wear a face mask, not a gaiter.

**When will parents receive the update on whether or not their child’s teacher will change?** By Thursday evening.

**What is the process if someone has tested positive for covid?**

Through contact tracing, we will ascertain who has come into contact with that positive person. The entire classroom, a group from the classroom, or even the school to quarantine for the appropriate period. Contact tracing will decide how much the program will be affected. The positive-tested person will also need to take an additional test to prove they are now testing negative.

**What happens if a child has false information on their forms?** **What if a child ends up becoming sick while at school?** Honor system here. Be honest on your forms. If a child presents symptoms during the school day, the parent will be contacted to be picked up. The child will be removed from the other students, the child will be cared for and set in the health room. If we find that a child isn’t turning in their forms, that issue will be addressed and if not corrected, they will be asked to revert to virtual learning.

**If a child has an immediate member of family who has tested positive and it has not been reported, will there be consequences?** If a child has been exposed, that child will be removed and that child should quarantine for 10 days. They will not be allowed to return until quarantine period is over. If it becomes a pattern, the student may be returned to virtual learning. CPS could potentially become involved.

**Will students be required to wear masks on playground?** That will be a mask break time while outside on the playground.

**When will middle school students have their schedule set?** It has been set.Four days a week.

**Middle schoolers cannot change their minds?**

That is correct. Our capacity is now set. By the nature of the program, we have to keep the numbers low.

**Regarding students who need medicine during the day, will that process remain the same?** Yes, it will remain the same.

**What are the new protocols and equipment for covid protocols?**

Safety is the key piece to be able to do this well. PPE is well stocked. PTO has been supportive. Parents have been purchasing items for the school. Grants have been issued for additional items to keep the students and staff safe.

**Are back packs allowed?** Yes

**What about Parent Portal? How do I gain access?** DPS website. Also see your child’s teacher or Ms. Dawn Moose – email her and she will help.

**When will parents find out about bus information? Schedule, etc.?** By the end of this week, you will find out the routes, assignments, etc.

***ANNOUNCEMENT****: Meeting again on Thursday, March 11th at 6pm for additional information.*

**MEETING ADJOURNED 7:25pm**