

Board of Directors –FSAS MINUTES

*Special Meeting
06/08/2022*

Minutes approved 06.09.2022

Meeting date, time 04/042022 4:30PM | Meeting location Online, Zoom

Meeting called by Sally Morris, Chair

Type of meeting Special Meeting

Facilitator Sally Morris, Chair

Secretary Carolyn Beem

Attendees:

Sally Morris, Chair

Carolyn Beem, Secretary

Ben Kramer, Treasurer

Susan Doughty, Board Member

Kimberly Allen, Board Member

Also Present:

Jacinda Cotton-Castro, Executive Director

Mara Wiggan, Becky Wick (school nurse)

Approximately 30 community participants

Absent/excused:

Joe Mattis, Vice Chair

Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM.

AGENDA TOPICS: COVID POLICY (PUBLIC COMMENTS AS RECORDED FOLLOW AT END OF MINUTES)

CALL TO ORDER - WELCOME, BOARD CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sally shared the numbers of Covid cases increasing in the school community.

Jacinda: Expressed thanks to everyone for getting to where we are today. Expressed great pride in the efforts of the staff and community.

Becky: Tested the 8th grade because of close contact. 2 more cases - when testing siblings found more cases. These particular cases indicate

8 positives today, 12 since Saturday. This is the highest we have seen this year. End of the year is bad timing and understandably difficult for kids to leave without saying goodbye.

Susan/Sally: we are also seeing cases of the flu/influenza in the school; current Covid is a highly contagious variant and we anticipate more cases going forward.

Jacinda: With input from staff, the recommendation is to go remote Thursday and Friday and come back Monday and/or Tuesday to celebrate the end of year.

Ben: Has the entire school been tested? Response: All except 6th grade

Carolyn: Does this recommendation include field trips? Response: Future schedule trips will be canceled,

Kim: Why are we considering flu/influenza in the counts? Response: It helps paint the bigger picture, and contributes to the overall percentage of absentee (15 % is the guidance)

Graduation: Jacinda will be reaching out to families to determine what's possible.

Becky: Most of the students have been masked; because we have 2 classes in quarantine, we've recommended everyone be masked; it's unknown what long Covid will bring.

Jacinda: Staff recommended moving to remote learning on Thursday and Friday, but based on Becky's perspective the recommendation to quarantine a full 5 days would include remote on Monday, coming back Tuesday for the last day.

Discussion: Do we consider a proposal to go remote Thursday, Friday, Monday?

Ben: Heartbreaking - we have 4 days of school left, inclined to stay in school, the risk of changing course at this time isn't worth it. Feel comfortable with sticking with the policy, and going to mandatory masking. Let's keep it responsible, as we have been.

Susan: we should go remote and come back next week - keep kids home if they have any symptoms.

Kim: Home tests are not always accurate - Becky, are you concerned with the efficacy of the tests? Also want to make sure we are thoughtful and considerate of folks who need to make sure they have plans in place for their children if we go fully remote. Response: Becky - Sometimes the tests are hard to read, but still better than nothing, and we are still seeing the home tests picking up the results- the pcr test is the standard, just a little harder to obtain.

Do we need a motion to require masking? Response: it's already in the policy - triggered when 2 classes go remote. So we are back to universal masking.

Motion to go remote Thursday Friday and Monday with a return to school on Tuesday, as long as students are asymptomatic and test negative:

Susan

Second: Sally

Discussion: Kim - need more information - what does remote mean? Feel this is a compound problem. Jacinda - shared an email Mara sent to staff; students have at-home learning packets; however, computers have been returned to school making the transition difficult.

Ben - we should continue to follow the guidance of what's in the policy

Carolyn - heartbreaking decision to make - no winners only losers on either side of the decision

Susan - encourage the community to appropriately respond to the public health professionals.

Kim - torn about Tuesday as last day of school - emotional whiplash for the kids to leave for remote learning (which feels like the end of the school year) and coming back on Tuesday; but the thought of more kids getting Covid is not worth the risk of staying in school

Sally: We have an obligation to follow the guidance from public health

Motion approved: 3:1

Follow-up questions: When should students be tested? Becky - Tuesday morning or Monday night is preferable - as close to the return to school as possible.

What about field trips including those on the 6th grade camping trip? Response: they are being tested momentarily - if they test positive the trip will be closed down.

Can we entertain holding classes outdoors, which would include outdoor activities and field trips? A lot depends on the weather, and the current forecast is iffy at best.

Jacinda - suggest going remote Thursday Friday (if 6th grade tests positive, the camping trip would be shut down), outdoors Monday/Tuesday.

Sally - too many what-ifs, comfortable with what has just been approved

Kim - wouldn't have voted the way I did if I had known 6th grade was camping til Friday

Motion to void the vote Board just approved to go remote: Ben

Second: Carolyn

Discussion: None

Motion approved: 5:0

Motion to adhere to current policy with universal masking indoors, with the expectation all students will test on Monday (or Sunday evening), before returning to school on Monday: Carolyn

Second: Ben

Discussion: Susan- concerns that if this policy is passed there will be an increase in cases so hard for me to support this motion

Ben- have comfortability because we are bringing universal masking back into play, and this allows parents to make individual choices

Kim- a little disconnect when we say it allows families to make choices when it doesn't; can support this motion but can't support coming back to school tomorrow - would amend to state we come back on Monday

Sally - can't support the motion either. Can't support going against the science. It stinks that we are where we are, but here we are.

Vote 2:3, motion does not carry

Amended Motion: Fiddlehead School will go remote Thursday and Friday, with the exception of the 6th grade attending the camping trip. Students can come to school if they are asymptomatic or test negative on Monday (or Sunday night), with universal masking in place: Klm

Second: Susan

Discussion: None

Vote: 4:1; motion carries

Motion to extend the request 6th graders test Monday morning prior to coming to school: Ben

Second: Carolyn

Discussion: Susan - hard to believe the entire 6th grade is all negative

Sally - agree with Susan

Vote: 5:0; motion approved

Motion to approve camping trip continues as scheduled: Kim

Second: Ben

Discussion : None

Vote: 3:2, motion carries

Meeting adjourned: 6:56 pm

Public Comment/Questions/Chat:

Just want to say thank you for your time and efforts. While we support your decision we are in favor of continuing school with masks or at least being remote until Monday and returning Monday and Tuesday for masks

From Jennie Raby to Everyone: 04:39 PM
is it 12 cases total since Sat or 12 plus 8 (20 total cases)? 12 Total

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 04:39 PM
Can it be per grade- 1st was all tested today negative.
Decisions based per grade of in person or remote
fourth was tested yesterday

From Diane Baker to Everyone: 04:41 PM
Not all staff were either

From Elizabeth to Everyone: 04:42 PM
Also my kids are out sick, Pre-k and 1st grade. They will have PCR testing tomorrow at pediatrician

From Sarah MacLaughlin (she/her) to Everyone: 04:44 PM
With regard to graduation. Is it possible to wait on postponing to see if the students are all (miraculously) negative by next Wednesday? I know it's a longshot, but rescheduling is obviously a nightmare with summer plans, and I feel strongly that it should occur at a time when all kids can attend.

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 04:45 PM
If we are to stay in session, will we ask each family to test their kids before coming to school, or will we be testing all the students in school each day? Easiest on the school if families

From Scott Cole to Everyone: 04:46 PM
What is the current percentage of student who are out?

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 04:49 PM
Has reimplementing masks been considered as alternative or supplementary solution?

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 04:49 PM
With 2 grades remote and 1 out of the school can the grades who tested negative go to school?

From Elizabeth to Everyone: 04:50 PM
From the email, I'm not clear on what expectations to set for our kids in Pre k and 1st grade

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 04:50 PM

Is there any information on the severity of the most recent variants? With vaccinations are we progressing to a point where the risk is more like the common cold or flu at this point or is there still a significant community health risk? (Forgive my ignorance, I haven't been keeping up with all the current variant information)

From Phone to Everyone: 04:50 PM

some kids really need the transition period

From Scott Cole to Everyone: 04:51 PM

The reason why I asked is because you mentioned that at 15% is the ratio to justify going remote. Is there a way to get that data to see what the percentage of student or are out for health reasons is currently? I understand there are more factors to consider than just this but I wonder how close we are to the 15%.

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 04:52 PM

Based on 187 students, with 12 out, that is .06%

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 04:53 PM

6%

From Jennie Raby to Everyone: 04:53 PM

I agree...if we're at or above 15% the CDC/DOE may make the decision for you. I think 3rd grade has had a lot of absences from a various number of illnesses.

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 04:53 PM

15% is 27 children, but that doesn't include if any staff are out.

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 04:53 PM

So if you're sick stay home- the kids that aren't can go to school

From Bethany to Everyone: 04:53 PM

There are WAY more out sick - the 12 is only Covid since Saturday. It doesn't count last week's positives either.

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 04:54 PM

We are at approximately 9% absentee rate today

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 04:54 PM

Thank you!

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 04:55 PM

What grades are considered close contact?

First grade didn't get an email-so realistically they should be cleared

From Bethany C to Everyone: 04:57 PM

How about the bus? Is that a possible contact point?

From Phone to Everyone: 04:57 PM

all of first was negative

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 04:57 PM

Are we concerned that we aren't going to get the numbers we need to consider these countable school days if we go remote?

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 04:59 PM

I've not seen covid spread at school like this in 2 years. Yes 2nd graders were heartbroken too. Its a health risk and we need to be responsible to keep our community safe.

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 04:59 PM

Thank you, Liz

From Sarah MacLaughlin (she/her) to Everyone: 05:00 PM

Would that not apply to unvaccinated kids?

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 05:00 PM

I agree that the 2nd and 8th grade full remote closures are absolutely heartbreaking. I think it's slightly different for the other grades though because they'd still be able to have closure together on Tuesday, but cut down the school spread for a few days and protect everyone's circles.

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:01 PM

Totally agree Val!

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:02 PM

A single negative rapid means nothing. Without pooled testing you need two negatives 24-36 hours apart.

From Sarah MacLaughlin (she/her) to Everyone: 05:03 PM

Except Binax, right?

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 05:04 PM

I think on whatever day we return, be it Monday or Tuesday, families would be expected to rapid test AND still mask in school

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:05 PM

Sorry if this has been covered, barring any positive tests, will 6th grade still be allowed to continue on their camping trip?

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:06 PM

Any return to school should be mask and mandatory testing

And any siblings of people in 2nd and 8th grade should be staying home as well

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 05:06 PM

Jacinda kindly told the community today that we MAY need to go remote so that families could have a heads up to begin sorting out alternative child care if needed. :)

From Kyla to Everyone: 05:07 PM

what about kids that have had it within the 90 days. they're protected correct?

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:07 PM

The airport is offering free pcr tests with results within two hours!!!

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 05:07 PM

The framing of staying home as "remote" is a little foolish to me - there's no learning happening at home at this point in the year. (Not at my house anyway - my kid will have to come with me to work.)

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:08 PM

I know that they will count if we have the attendance numbers, I guess my concern is folks not attending because of the fact that we're in the last threads of the school year.

From Kate Yates to Everyone: 05:09 PM

We had COVID about a month ago as well, and both of my children never tested positive on the at home tests, including the Binax ones. They needed a PCR

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:09 PM

If the 6th grade is allowed to still be together on the camping trip with no positives, it seems unfair that the classes who have all negatives have to go remote.

-kym Johnson

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:10 PM

If everyone is being remote the. 6th grades trip needs to be canceled

From Kelly to Everyone: 05:10 PM

Jet port pct testing was great- I got my results in 20 minutes and just walked in without an appointment. Really good resource!

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:11 PM

We're not being fair

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:11 PM

it says we're muted

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:11 PM

Vanessa 6th grade is outside which is different.

From Anne Wilder to Everyone: 05:11 PM

You are now!

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:12 PM

so sorry about that!

thank you kim that is very relevant

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:12 PM

Remote entails a 5 minute check in and then parents fend for themselves the rest of the day

From Anne Wilder to Everyone: 05:13 PM

Bethany I agree, The 6th grade trip is entirely outside. I could see maybe not having it be day trips? But maybe it's up to the parents of each kid.

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:14 PM

Kelly there is no 20 minute pcr, but that is convenient for rapids if anyone needs it

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:14 PM

My vote is to keep kids in school with classes. Anybody who wishes to keep their kids home can - and can use the everyday anywhere packet.

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 05:14 PM

I got my PCR from the airport in under half an hour

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:15 PM

Computers have been returned to the school

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:16 PM

Some grades collected their A/A packets back from the kids, so not all have them available

From Anne Wilder (She/Her) to Everyone: 05:19 PM

I wonder if Tuesday, which I think is a half day, could be optional.

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:19 PM

The younger kids need that extra transition

From Elizabeth to Everyone: 05:22 PM

I agree, Vanessa

Maybe that is something we can do outside of school, together no matter what when the time is right

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:23 PM

I am scheduling times with 2nd grade families at Thompsons and to pick strawberries at the end of June. I assured them we will be together again

From Phone to Everyone: 05:24 PM

were concerned about 6th grade when we're they last with the student body

From ashleydietrich to Everyone: 05:24 PM

Thank you Kim for your message. I am a parent and a teacher at fiddlehead, and this is heartbreaking for everyone, I appreciate your input. I mirror your feelings and thoughts

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:24 PM

So, 6th grade?

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:24 PM

So send 6th grade home.

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:24 PM

No!

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 05:24 PM
I sincerely hope the 6th grade will continue their trip.

From Phone to Everyone: 05:25 PM
and is there any risk of spread with them staying together and coming back
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From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 05:29 PM
Are sixth graders sleeping in separate tents?

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:29 PM
For 5 days

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:29 PM
If we are going remote, the rest of the gatherings should not happen.

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:29 PM
It's the science of the spread of covid - outdoors is very very different.

From Carrie Larson to Everyone: 05:29 PM
Some 6th graders are sharing tents and some are in individual tents. It is different for
different students.

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 05:30 PM
Thank you, Carrie

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:30 PM
outdoors is different but not in a tent.
From Anne Wilder (She/Her) to Everyone: 05:30 PM
Also not all 6th graders are staying over night, some of the kids/families chose to
participate without sleeping over. I don't know how many made that choice.

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:30 PM
We keep saying outdoors is different but earlier we were saying the spread at school
between grades was happening outdoors on the playground....

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:31 PM
Sleeping in tents is more hours together than a school day

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:31 PM
the motion the Board just passed did not address the 6th grade camping trip.

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:32 PM
I don't want to shut down the sixth grade field trip, but fourth and seventh were
supposed to be outside on a field trip all day tomorrow, fourth grade has the event on
Monday evening....

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:32 PM

If you don't cancel the trip then you keep kids in school masked and spend more time outside If you cancel the trip then everyone is remote

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:32 PM

so the 7th grade trip was for outside. if people are say outdoor things ok is safe than they should be able to go

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:32 PM

If 7th is on a field trip tomorrow and 2 grades are remote

There's not many people left in the building

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:33 PM

Tonight and tomorrow evening I believe.

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:33 PM

6th grade is camping until Friday

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:34 PM

That's great to know Michael

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:34 PM

I'm not saying to cancel the trip-I'm asking for consistency.

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:34 PM

They absolutely will stay in their tents! Our chaperones are 1:3. That was an unfair assumption.

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:35 PM

Especially if there is a trip outside tomorrow in 7th grade

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:35 PM

But it's ok for the kids within the class to potentially spread? What is the responsibility of the school to make these choices and what is the responsibility of the parents to choose their own level of acceptable risk?

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:35 PM

It's going to be pouring rain all day tomorrow and there isn't room for everyone at school outside, plus the bus

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:35 PM

Why not just stay with the boards policy

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:35 PM

Just to throw another fact out there. One of the 2nd graders has a sibling in 6th. So there is that.

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:35 PM

And when I'm speaking to choices and risk, I'm also speaking to in-school vs. remote
From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:35 PM
Boards policy would state that kids would stay in school because we aren't up to the percentage

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:36 PM
Exactly, let the parents choose their own level of acceptable risk

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:37 PM
There are also staff to consider not just students. We are working in a different situation as of today.

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:37 PM
If a 2nd grader has a 6th grade sibling the 6th grader that's close contact

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 05:37 PM
Point well taken, Liz

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:37 PM
That's true, Liz

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:37 PM
as someone that works in a Pediatric doctors office and seeing covid in kids I would be completely comfortable sending my kid to school masked

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:38 PM
Not a 2nd grader who tested positive Vanessa. The 2nd grader is a close contact so their sibling is one step removed.

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 05:38 PM
Oh gotcha
Thank you Liz

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:38 PM
Where and how would the other grades gather offsite?

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:39 PM
remote needs to across the whole school if going remote all trips need to stop

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 05:41 PM
There needs to be clarity on if 6th grade is able to stay on their camping trip before ending this meeting.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:41 PM
thank you for that thought as a parent very disappointed right now

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:41 PM
I agree Jen

From Megan's iPhone to Everyone: 05:41 PM
The question is do the kids go to school tomorrow

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 05:41 PM
6th grade has no exposure as far as I know. But, neither does 4th (anymore)

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:43 PM
(Rachel) Tomorrow could be anytime anywhere learning (including wolfe's neck) with testing and then back to school with as much mitigation as is possible on Friday.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:43 PM
in school masked. if the percentage is reached move remote.

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:43 PM
dido

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:43 PM
Tomorrow's field trip is a wash and requires bus ride, that makes sense the cancel. Monday night is technically the end of the 5 days, outdoors, and transported by family members.

From Diane Baker to Everyone: 05:44 PM
If we are in person tomorrow, can testing before school be required?

From Anne Wilder (She/Her) to Everyone: 05:44 PM
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From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:43 PM
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From Anne Wilder (She/Her) to Everyone: 05:44 PM
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From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:48 PM
testing before school and mask trust the science

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:49 PM
I am with you Michael

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:50 PM
So test them

And if negative cancel it

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:50 PM

how about explaining to all the kids they have to go remote but other school mates get to stay on a trip

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Positive I mean

From caelyn to Everyone: 05:51 PM

let them stay and let them end their year there

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:51 PM

Why don't we require that kids test every day before going to school and can't enter the building unless we have negative test results

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:52 PM

like Caelyn said let them stay, mask and test. leave it up parents if they send them.

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:52 PM

I agree

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 05:52 PM

Good idea Larissa. Implementation is tough on that. Who gets the results from parents?

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 05:53 PM

It wouldn't be terribly different than when we were doing the survey last year

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:54 PM

The issue is that we are going against our original policy. Let's just stick with the policy you all agreed to originally. It was a sound policy.

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 05:54 PM

If we are going remote, than it means all classes are remote, camping stops, and off site gatherings stop. OR we allow the classes that have no positive tests to stay in class, and keep the classes remote that have 3 or more tests. Is this accurate?

From Hayley Jordan to Everyone: 05:54 PM

As a parent of a child who is at risk for COVID to be very threatening, including LIFE threatening, I don't want to loose sight that we are doing all of this to Protect those who are vulnerable as well as everyone one else.

Social gatherings are wonderful, but safety must be first.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:54 PM

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From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:54 PM
Yes Darcy!

From Erinn Conn to Everyone: 05:55 PM
With all the rain tomorrow will the 6th graders be huddled even closer?
From Diane Baker to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Hayley - that is a very important point. Thank you.

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Darcy there were EIGHT CASES JUST TODAY plus another 4, 12 just since Saturday.

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:55 PM
You can make a motion to void the previous vote.

From Bethany C to Everyone: 05:55 PM
Plus at least 5 more last week.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:58 PM
high risk mom here too. seeing first hand how the strain affects the kids I am completely comfortable with testing before school and masking.
test each morning and mask in person

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 05:58 PM
Is there a difference between declaring "remote" versus using an anywhere anytime learning day?

From hannah b to Everyone: 05:59 PM
yes

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 05:59 PM
Yes!

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 05:59 PM
Yes!

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 05:59 PM
Yes!

From Harlow to Everyone: 05:59 PM
Yes

From Anne Wilder (she/her) to Everyone: 06:00 PM
6 foot distancing?

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:01 PM
we have enough test to do home testing for my kiddo. I can send pictures each morning

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 06:01 PM
Same here.

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rom Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 06:01 PM
Masking while camping?

From Jennie Raby to Everyone: 06:01 PM
9%

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 06:02 PM

correct

it was covid, and other absences as well.

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 06:04 PM

If we make masking mandatory outside that would have to apply to 6th grade which is not likely/possible. Even with only mandatory masking indoors, that would include those sharing a tent.

From Matt to Everyone: 06:05 PM

what about siblings of 2nd and 8th grades, if the 2nd or 8th grader tested negative, does the sibling have to stay home as well?

From Larissa Brown to Everyone: 06:07 PM

Isn't day 5 testing only if you know you're a close contact. Are we just assuming that everyone is a close contact?

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 06:07 PM

universal outdoor isn't the current policy is it?

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 06:07 PM

agree

From Jennie Raby to Everyone: 06:08 PM

Could all the kids bring tests to school and then test at school using their tests from home?

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 06:08 PM

The campers cannot realistically universally mask, in tents or out of tents.

From hannah b to Everyone: 06:08 PM

perfect

From Matt to Everyone: 06:09 PM

Thanks Ben

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 06:09 PM

Why cant the campers mask outdoors?

I get they can't sleep in a mask.....

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 06:10 PM

What if the 6th grade class end school on their trip and not come to school Monday and Tuesday- since they can't mask inside

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 06:11 PM

We would be happy to donate some.

From caelyn to Everyone: 06:12 PM

or can we get them extra tents to wolfes neck to have each kid separate

From Carrie Larson to Everyone: 06:12 PM

If anyone needs a home test, please encourage them to reach out to me (Carrie Larson). I can make sure that we get families get supplies if supplies are needed. My email is carriel@fiddleheadschoo.org.

From Jacinda Cotton-Castro to Everyone: 06:13 PM

Thanks Carrie.

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 06:14 PM

It has spread fast this week and today.

From Hayley Jordan to Everyone: 06:15 PM

yes Liz I agree. We went from 4 to 12 in no time at all

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 06:15 PM

(rachel) but if spread continues or people choose to test more at home and more positives come up tomorrow, then the policy is triggered by the numbers

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 06:15 PM

*****6th grade got their tests dropped off around 5:30pm. Do we have their results yet, at 6:15pm? Their results change all of this...*****

From Hayley Jordan to Everyone: 06:16 PM

Good question Val

From caelyn to Everyone: 06:16 PM

I'd also like an update on 6th grade

From Hayley Jordan to Everyone: 06:18 PM

Thank you Susan for being a voice for the parents who are trying to protect their vulnerable children.

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 06:18 PM

JACINDA- DO WE HAVE RESULTS FROM 6TH GRADE YET?

From Bethany C to Everyone: 06:19 PM

How do teachers support in person and absent(?) remote kids?

From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 06:20 PM

I'm ok with remote tomorrow and Friday and in school Monday and Tuesday.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:22 PM

this stran is not as dangerous as the one the turned the world upside down it's just more contagious.

From Beth to Everyone: 06:23 PM

those who don't want their kids to go then don't...those who do let them. that is unless the teachers don't feel safe themselves

From Chris B to Everyone: 06:24 PM
Exactly Darcy

From Liz Harrington to Everyone: 06:24 PM
That is a consideration Beth...but has not been discussed or considered

From Chris B to Everyone: 06:25 PM
are you seriously going to make the kids come home from camping?

From Bethany C to Everyone: 06:25 PM
They just said why we can't leave it up to families

From caelyn to Everyone: 06:25 PM
thanks val

From Jennie Raby to Everyone: 06:25 PM
Do they even have a way of transporting camping kids home? Not all parents may be available on last minute notice.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:25 PM
very disappointed parent

From Chris B to Everyone: 06:26 PM
this is bull

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:26 PM
the kids should NOT come home from camping.

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 06:26 PM
Then there has been no decision about anything yet.

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:26 PM
NOT home from camping

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 06:26 PM
Please please please let them stay camping.

From Tracy to Everyone: 06:26 PM
I will transport the kids home via the Fiddlehead bus

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:26 PM
they're outside and can distance themselves. it would be overreacting in my opinion.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:26 PM
if they let them stay camping in person should happen

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 06:27 PM
Let parents decide for their kids/families on the camping trip and at school. Stick by your original policy.

From Diane Baker to Everyone: 06:27 PM

If 6th graders all test negative, can they at least stay until tomorrow and learn remote with the other students?

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 06:27 PM

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From Vanessa Levat to Everyone: 06:27 PM

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From Bethany C to Everyone: 06:29 PM
She's trying to set aside 6th grade - and 2nd and 8th too right?

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:29 PM
the camp sites are already paid for, can parents decide whether or not our kids can stay there for the trip (as long as they test negative)

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:29 PM
that makes no sense excluding 6th grade

From Chris B to Everyone: 06:29 PM
this is stupid.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:30 PM
the are in tents and can't mask
to sleep

From caelyn to Everyone: 06:30 PM
alternatively 6th grade could go remote after the trip for the remainder of the year...
maybe put that to a vote first. or can we get more tents to them

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 06:30 PM
asymptomatic AND test? or an OR? it matters

From Karen Johnson to Everyone: 06:30 PM
Can we exclude one grade? That doesn't seem equitable.

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:30 PM
they're already exposed IF they have been.

From Bethany C to Everyone: 06:30 PM
They will have to make another motion for 6th grade after this one

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:31 PM
poor Ben :)

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:32 PM
I'm pleading for reason here! how on earth is going remote for 2 days going to solve anything?

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:32 PM
I'm begging for 6th grade to stay camping!

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:33 PM
ridiculous.... this does not make sense at all



From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:33 PM

if you do not know how to handle it, that's a sign to maybe take a step back and not act rashly!

From Amy to Everyone: 06:33 PM

It is not fair to make all of our kids go remote. 6th graders should camp and THEY should be remote next week

From Kimberly Allen (she/her) to Everyone: 06:33 PM

Going remote for a few days bides us time to catch more positive cases

From Michael Lane to Everyone: 06:34 PM

Why?

From Amy to Everyone: 06:34 PM

but positives likely won't show until Monday!

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 06:34 PM

(Alyson) I know the Board hasn't put parameters on the chat feature. But I would like to put in a plea for general respect. If we were sitting in a room in a person observing a Board meeting, we would be sitting silently and waiting for public comment. We would not be carrying on constant side conversations. It feels really disrespectful to me.

From Amy to Everyone: 06:34 PM

that's why you test on day 5

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:35 PM

these kids have been in school all winter wearing masks without spreading. the spread is happening OUTSIDE of school.

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:35 PM

camping with remote monday tuesday makes sense, since they're already isolated right now

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:35 PM

just make them wear masks in school

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:35 PM

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From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:35 PM

6th grade is outside!

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:36 PM

doesn't matter is you are isolating them from the school. they are still a super spreader possibility

yes they are outside but will be in tents

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:38 PM
tents with screens. tents that have air flow. this is foolish
I'll buy a box of masks and drop them off tonight. those kids should not come home.

From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:39 PM
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From J Parise to Everyone: 06:39 PM
Darcy, do you have children in 6th?

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:39 PM
none of these kids should be rooted up! just make them wear masks

From Jen Damon, she/her to Everyone: 06:39 PM
Universal indoor masking has already been triggered and would apply to 6th grade when they return

From Camille Visone to Everyone: 06:40 PM
I would love to hear Becky's perspective on the camping trip if possible.

From Hayley Jordan to Everyone: 06:40 PM
Camille, I was just thinking the same thing

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:40 PM
how seriously does going remote for 2 days help? everyone today technically can test positive for up to 14 days from now.

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:42 PM
if I need to be getting my kid tonight, I need to know pretty quickly here.
From Darcy Millett to Everyone: 06:46 PM
so my child doesn't have the PC so how will remote work

From Val Buteau to Everyone: 06:47 PM
I'm using all caps for the purpose only of catching eyes and hopefully getting an answer for us all, I'm not yelling) WHEN WILL WE HAVE THE 6TH GRADE RESULTS? It's been more than an hour since the tests were dropped off. :(

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:47 PM
good Lord.

From Harlow to Everyone: 06:47 PM
They already went over this. It would be the packets that were sent home for snow days.

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:48 PM
the 6th grade is basically their own bubble right now

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:49 PM
they're outside

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:49 PM
I'll test my 6th grader on his way to school monday!
From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:49 PM
the tents have screens. when did it change that being outside is not safe anymore?

From J Parise to Everyone: 06:50 PM
shouldn't the vote be determined by the test results??

From Bethany C to Everyone: 06:50 PM
They can't reasonable even get home tonight. It's almost dark and it would take a while to take down all the tents.

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:50 PM
thank you Bethany, very good point.

From Laura Taylor to Everyone: 06:50 PM
They can't reasonable get home tonight. And as a 6th grade parent, I am fully comfortable having them stay for the duration.

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:51 PM
I am not comfortable leaving all of our camping gear unsupervised overnight because I can't take it down because it's dark. please, be reasonable.

From Alyson + Rachel to Everyone: 06:51 PM
you can only withdraw, amenda, or vote as it (rachel)

amend 😊

From Shelly St. Cyr to Everyone: 06:54 PM
thank you

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