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Work Session: July 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

- Sherry Price, 5:03.

Present:

President: Sherry Price

Member: Abbie Siegmund

Member: Brad Thompson

Member: Hadassa Berger

- I. The Board reviewed and discussed Emergency Paid Sick Leave and Public Health Emergency Leave protocols to potentially adopt.
 - A. Discussion about providing a flow chart for staff members to help them navigate system protocols.
 - B. Lisa is meeting with a company, COVID Check Colorado, into possible testing for staff members.
- II. The Board reviewed the Colorado Department of public health and Environment, Health Guidance by COVID-19 Phase.
 - A. Recommendations for cohorting
 - B. Recommendations for self reporting
 - C. Discussion around screening students prior to entering the building. Possible protocol of temperature testing each student as they exit the vehicle. If a child has a temperature of 100.4 they cannot enter the building. The board would like to get more information before making a recommendation.
 - D. Discussion around students and staff wearing masks. Ideas for K-4 not mandated masks, but highly recommended. 5-8 students are required to wear masks in the hallway and electives, but don't have to wear masks while cohorting.
 - E. Employees will be required to wear masks when social distancing is unavailable.
 - F. Middle school may move around the building for elective classes.

- G. Proposing equalized exposure by placing elementary specials on a three week rotating schedule. If elective teachers are uncomfortable with this schedule, teachers may find other employment.
- H. Discussion around cohorting recess schedules with assigned equipment.
- I. Discussion about establishing handwashing stations outside.
- J. Discussion around weather or not students should wear masks while entering and exiting the building. The board resolved that they need more information about wearing masks before they make a recommendation.
- K. Discussions around creating a staggered dropoff.
- L. Discussion around equalizing protocols to staff and students.
- M. Discussion around utilizing hand sanitizing dispensers only under adult supervision. The board recommends as much handwashing as possible.
- N. Discussion around allowing after school clubs that can abide by social distancing guidelines.
- O. Discussion about hiring additional paraprofessionals to further support teacher breaks, and cohorting.
- P. Discussion about staggering maintenance schedules in order to cover all of the different sanitizing schedules. Another option they would like to explore is subcontracting a night crew for cleaning and sanitation.
- Q. Recommendation for teachers to wipe down their classrooms at the end of the day and must initial a log for daily sanitation.
- R. Recommendation for no assemblies, back to school night, festivals, or social gatherings.
- S. Recommendation to install different HVAc filters
- III. IACS is stocked with all sanitary supplies with the exception of medical grade masks.
- IV. Visitors will be very limited
- V. Discussions around accountability

Adjourn from IACS Board Work Session at 8:21