

Participants: Lester Oehler (Notetaker), James Anderson, Jacque Krumrey, Josh Stauber, Brittney Bryant, Erin McMullen, Jamie Hahn, Megan Irwin, Tom Day, Blake McKinley

7:03 Welcome

Public Comment:

Brittney: Had concerns about the positive case in the classroom. Felt that some parents didn't know what to do. The flow chart in today's newsletter gave clear guidance and was great. I Hope school will err on the side of caution, because kids sometimes let their guard down.

Ms McKinley: What does the Board say about kids that are missing school due to Covid related absences? After a certain number of unexcused absences students are unenrolled. Students at home are keeping up academically, but their status as Muddy Creekers is uncertain. Blake asked about how aligned Muddy Creek is to 509J on new policy changes?

Approval to minutes: Postponed until next month.

Executive Report:

Covid rules are ever changing, so it has been hard to get consistent information.

Benton Co. Health Authority has been calling the shots, but they are so overwhelmed, and are passing the buck as well. If there are questions, Josh encourages parents to just call the office. MC have had 3 confirmed cases so far. We have had staff out this week, but all of our tests have come back negative thus far. Still wearing proper masks, eating and spending time outside, social distancing, and extra cleaning. Our regular covid test participation rates are up by a large number. If we don't have enough staff to run the school, we would have to shut down; but MC is committed to being open, as encouraged by ODE. Testing isn't a quick turnaround, so staff that have symptoms and stay home for testing still takes a toll. The backup plan is to have enough staff to distribute chromebooks, etc come in and do so, and then be remote as little as possible.

James asked about making up days into the summer, like snow days.

James asked about contract tracing.

Josh said no, unless it is a bus rider. Because of the layers of protection, an extended period of time on the bus would still trigger a contract trace.

Staff would know, and families would be notified if they were exposed. Before this, Benton County was doing this, but now it is on us. The school would say there was a case, but wouldn't give more detailed information. Ideally this would happen as quickly as possible, but usually takes some time to get a positive test result. Parents are responsible to let the school know about positive tests.

Erin asked about Vaccination rates, quarantines. Josh said he would ask if the student was vaccinated, and that would affect the next steps and how long students were held out. Erin and Brittney asked about sharing information to the whole school. Students do mix a little during recess.

K-1-2 intermix, and 3-4-5 are both cohorts

Megan: And siblings cross all.

Josh said he is OK with doing it schoolwide, just needs guidance from the Board: Daily running total of tests and results. Jacque recommends telling the whole school. Current positives, and running total for the year.

Blake said that our website currently says cumulative cases "3". And suggested piggy-backing on the district dashboard.

Josh suggested we can update the website daily, with a date stamp and will follow up on Blake's suggestion of adding MC info to the District's site.

Meghan asked about the positive cases: Josh said 2 cases in the 1st grade, and 1 case in the 5th grade, that just happened. The office will determine what the quarantine schedule is. Meghan said she would like to know of any/all outbreaks throughout the school.

James asked what would let Josh know if we need to go offline. Josh said "who is down, and what is the availability of substitutes..." that is what would make the decision. James followed up about attendance, and what might cause us to pause. Josh said that our attendance has been good, so staffing is really the key trigger of when we would go back online.

Josh is in direct contact with Jason from Benton Co. Health. He is guiding us. Blake asked how Benton County being stretched has changed things. Josh said that they are teaching and delegating.

Blake said more information is best, and ideally leveraging the district's resources, and thanked the school for its efforts.

Ms. McKinley asked about the Board's opinion on 10 or 5 day quarantine, and obligatory unenrollment.

Josh, the State doesn't want to fund school for students that aren't in class. It is not our decision.

Erin asked about meeting an attendance threshold. Josh said that is a slippery slope to a hybrid and we don't have the space for that at this time.

Lester asked about re-enrollment after being unenrolled for absences. Josh said yes, as long as there was room in the class, they could return when the parents felt it safe.

STARS testing will be done by Feb. 1st.

Staffing: Liz has now left, and that is sad. We did find a .5 FTE PE teacher, and .5 student opportunity specialist. Will start Mid Feb!

Respectful Month: prize this month is a Pizza Party. Last month's pie in the face was a huge hit,

SIPS: Reading Interventions: Materials arrived, training is happening.

SPED: Josh said that he was frustrated with the District. There is a shortage of staff everywhere. Josh is still working with the District to get us a Case Manager. Josh said they have been working from out of the office, and it doesn't seem to be moving very fast. We're working without a Case Manager, Shawn Bernard is acting as our contact. It is not adequate.

It was suggested that MC parents that are concerned go to the school board meeting, and testify.

Meghan asked if we had talked to our attorneys about what to do. James thought that would be a good idea to develop a strategy.

District Report:

Josh presented to the District our annual report. The Board said they liked what were doing, and stated an intention they wanted to visit the school.

Facilities Report:

Well: Little water out there... problem seems to be resolved until summer. We may need to pull the well head out and clean it in the summer. For now it's running again..

There was a small leak in the roof. Put some flashing in, and we'll see if it stopped when it rains next. It was worked on during the Seismic work.

Meghan RBR did the roof, and they do a great job etc. Just call them, they'll likely take care of it....

James: I think we failed to properly thank Baldwin for their work. We should do that.

Bond:

Karen asked about adding MC to the Bond. Josh was going to ask Melissa

PTO: Julie is resigning as Sec. Safforne is working on shirts, Stipends to special teachers, Jog-a-thon in May, Brittney is going to do a morning after meeting for anyone that wants. There is a SPED parent support group that is gaining momentum.

ICP Treasurer report: Nothing to report.

Discussion: CSD Bond going out. How should Muddy Creek make a case? Josh said a great start is to give the School Board a visit to the school. Josh is working the issue.

Question about allowing kindergarten students to start below the normal age. Josh is going to make executive decisions and refer to the Board if he decides to.

Tom with the teacher report: Bird of the week: Red-sided Towhee. Kinders are killing it at lexiacore, 1st Space, light and sound. 2nd, maps, 3rd grade, lantern-walk, and Oregon based tribes, 4th: Publishing books. 5th. Salmon eggs are released, and working on an earthquake STEM kit.

Meeting adjourned 8:41