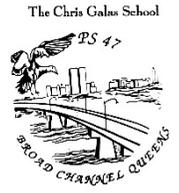




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September 24, 2020

Attendance: Mrs. Nussbaum, Mrs. Dana, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Cervone, Mrs. Lorenz, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Arena, Mrs. Steiner, Mrs. Mertz, Mrs. Kelly and Dr. Will E. Cooper

The parents called this emergency meeting to discuss the following:

Mrs. Gross began by stating that the parents would like to revisit the Blended Learning Models. They asked if answers from last meeting were given on applying for an exception to the Model chosen. Mrs. Lorenz replied that there was a miscommunication. Mrs. Lorenz sent an email to the superintendent's office with this request. She later spoke with someone at the office personally regarding that email. That person told her what she was looking to do would not work. She therefore felt the process would be null and void. So, she did not pursue it further.

However, after looking at the data, school building room sizes and class sizes, it would be possible for the following:

The bridge classes: 3-4-5 and 6-7-8 can attend school 5 days per week.

The following classes will switch to the AB Model: (if the school community would like that to happen)

3K, K, 5, 7 and K-1-2

The following classes will need to stay on an ABC Model:

PreK, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8

A community meeting is set for Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 6PM. A Google Link will be available for all to join.

Room Usage: Q: Is every room being used for teaching? The use of all rooms was discussed. Q: Is it possible to know the square footage of each of the rooms? Mrs. Lorenz deferred to Dr. Cooper for this. Dr. Cooper received clarification and we went over the size and scope of each room.

3k and PreK 540 square feet can hold 8 people

K 601 square feet can hold 9 people

1 594 square feet can hold 9 people

2. 621 square feet. can hold 9 people

3. 840 square feet can hold 12 people

4. 594 square feet. can hold 9 people

5 594 square feet. can hold 9 people

6. 638 square feet. can hold 9 people

7 567 square feet. can hold 8 people

8 840 square feet. can hold 12 people

MS 12-1-1. 528 square feet. can hold 8 people

3-4-5. 442 square feet. can hold 6 people

K-1-2 270 square feet can hold 4 people

Questions were asked: What happens when families want to come back that were on remote programs? Mrs. Lorenz replied that we would have to reprogram the schedule at that time. We would revisit as we go along.

Q: Will parents be ok with the fact that their children will be attending school on different days of the week? The parents responded that from what they have heard throughout the community the answer to that would be yes. That they would be ok with this.

Q: A question was asked if the built-in furniture, particularly the closets, were considered in the actual square footage estimates? No actual answer was offered to this question. No one really knew for sure.

Q: Will this Community Meeting be open to the entire Broad Channel Community or just the School Community, because Dan Mundy at the Civic Association was made aware of the situation and would like to attend? Mrs. Lorenz said it was an open meeting for all community members, anyone who wants to join the meet may do so. DOE members will get in faster because they will get in automatically. The rest will be let in by Mrs. Lorenz. At least 250 people can join a Google Meet. The Meeting will be recorded, and Ms. Hannon will take the minutes from the recording.

It was decided that a survey would go live on Friday, September 25th, 2020 to see how the families in the community feel about this mixed cohort situation. This survey will allow people to vote as well as voice their concerns. It will run until Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 9PM.

Dr. Cooper will speak with Mrs. Lorenz Tuesday night at 9PM to discuss the Community Meeting, the results of the survey, and the completed application for the new proposal regarding the mixed model scheduling.

Once leaving the school plant the application goes through a series of steps: the superintendent's office, the DRT and then off to Central.

Mrs. Lorenz ended the meeting by extending her deepest apologies for this mix up. She apologized for misunderstanding the information she received. She reiterated that she only wants what is best for the children. She stated that it was a pleasure to work on such a wonderful team and was so glad that at the end of each meeting, and each day, to be able to walk away knowing that we all respect each other.