

Easton School District No. 28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting
July 31, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chris Helgeson at 5:30 PM.

Board Members Attendance: Chris Helgeson, John Jensen, Jen Phillips, April Simonson.

Staff: Patrick Dehuff, Freida Ellison, Dawn Bechtholdt, Steve Eims, Tracy Van Lone, Marilyn Fudge, Gretchen Jenkins, Cece Badda, Jenny Jensen, Mary Forry, Gretchen Jenkins, Rachel Henderson, Carol Shapiro

Guests: Sarah Conner, Maria Ramsey, Dr. Mark Larson

Approve Agenda: April Simonson made a motion to approve the agenda. John Jensen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Easton School Reopening Planning Meetings: Superintendent Dehuff discussed the three reopening planning meetings that have occurred this week. He summarized the survey data that was received from students, parents-guardians, and staff. He recapped the topics discussed including Public Health guidelines, safety precautions, social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, transportation, meals, attestation (confirming that there are no signs or symptoms of COVID-19), nurse services and sick room, movement in the building, professional development and collaboration amongst staff while maintaining social distancing, and learning management system (Schoology) and other online learning tools such as Moby Max.

Board members expressed their concern for the safety and welfare of our students and their families, and the staff of Easton School. Board Director, April Simonson mentioned the challenges that would come with the staff becoming proficient with remote learning and having students in the school at the same time. In a hybrid model, we would have ½ of the students at Easton School at one time and the other ½ of students would be learning remotely, and then they would rotate. If we open up remotely, then our staff can become more proficient in providing remote learning, which will be beneficial when it is safer to bring our students back in a hybrid model. Board Directors John Jensen, Chris Helgeson, and Jen Phillips also mentioned their concern for the safety of our students, their families, and staff. While our goal is to bring our students back to school, they mentioned that safety is their biggest concern and priority. Jen Phillips mentioned that this is an opportunity for everyone to become more proficient with technology and utilizing it to enhance education.

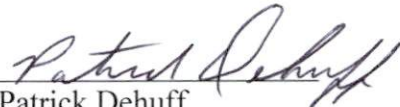
Public Comment: Dr. Mark Larson, Kittitas County Health Officer mentioned that he is planning on making a recommendation next week to Superintendents of Kittitas County School Districts that they do remote learning in the fall. He said the numbers of cases have gone up. The state is trying to come up with some metrics for schools to make decisions on reopening. They are developing a green light, yellow light, red light decision-making model. The best reading is green light, is less than 25 cases per 100,000 people for 14 days. Yellow light is 25 to 75 cases per 100,000 people, which is cautionary for

opening. Red light is over 75 cases per 100,000 people and is the most concerning. Dr. Larson said that even when he removes the numbers from Prestige and Pacifica, the numbers still exceed 200.

Mary Forry mentioned that she misses the kids but that she agrees with opening Easton School online for the safety of the students and their families. Steve Eims mentioned the need for ongoing training that will help teachers deliver remote learning. Superintendent Dehuff mentioned that a priority will be placed on providing professional development on our new Learning Management System, Schoology and on Moby Max, and other aspects of remote learning.

Easton School Reopening: John Jensen made a motion to open the 2020-21 school year virtually until further notice and to revisit the decision 6-8 weeks after school starts.

Meeting Adjourned: April Simonson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


Chris Helgeson, Board Chair