

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
410 West Sullivan Street
Monday, January 4, 2021
4:30 pm
Via ZOOM

Present:	Ira Katzenstein Janine Fodor Aaron Wolfe Jen Kless Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry	Kelly Keller Rick Moore Jenny Bilotta Jen Mahar
Guest:	Mary Hirsch-Schena Brian Crawford	Lauren Stuff

Reopening discussions

- Mr. Moore noted that he will be meeting with administrators on Tuesday
- Per Governor Cuomo's recent article – 9% or above COVID rate
- Currently Cattaraugus Co is not a “designated” zone
- Hope to see a decline in positive cases
- Plan to return to hybrid model January 19th if the COVID rate is below 9%
- If return to hybrid model what will the criteria be for going back to 100% remote – committee does not want to see the schools open one day, closed the next, etc. – families need consistency; Mr. Moore indicated that he will speak to administrators about this
- Vaccine rollout in our county is very slow; expected rollout for teachers and educators is February
- Mr. Moore will continue bi-weekly updates and communications
- Many students may opt to continue with remote learning through the end of the school year; will staffing be an issue?
- Mary noted that students should be in front of teachers **each and every day** whether they are hybrid or remote in order for content to be delivered

Summer academic programs

- Mr. Moore noted that he will discuss with administrators on Tuesday
- Educate parents and students on the importance
- Need to budget for more summer programming; this is a HIGH priority
- Need to start planning now; recruit teachers
- Mr. Moore noted that Nick Patrone is ready to start planning for the STAR Program
- SBU partnership conversation – education graduate students may be able to assist in efforts
- Can the Title I summer reading program be expanded to all grade levels and served more than the 10-16 students that generally participate?
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“Do Over” option

- Will it be for a partial year or a full year?
- Needs to be customized and individualized – do what is best for the student
- Mr. Moore indicated that he would leave it up to the teachers and principals
- “Looping” discussions

COVID Dashboard

- Jen Mahar reviewed the following:

- Student cumulative daily attendance
- Student absenteeism rate
- COVID data – through December 22nd
- HS needs to create strategies for student engagement; Mr. Moore to speak to Jeff Andreano and guidance counselors

School Climate Survey

- Jen Mahar reported the survey was issued to students in grades 4 – 12 before the holiday break; received 782 responses
- Results will be reviewed with administrators and come up with responses
- Survey will be repeated in five week cycles

Mr. Moore noted the following:

- There will be a higher failure rate this year due to COVID, remote learning, etc.
- Need to start focusing on juniors and seniors to ensure they are on course and have the necessary classes, credits, etc. to graduate; need to create a plan to get students back on track and caught up
- Discussed opening up gyms and cafeterias to bring students in for tutoring, especially reading and math
- Create math help line similar to the technology help line

Plans for 21-22 school year

- Mr. Moore noted that his hope is that all students, staff and faculty will be back in person 100%

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Next meeting: February 8, 2021 at 4:30 pm