

Public Schools of Brookline

School Committee Remote Learning Task Force Expert Advisory Panel 4: Public Health, Safety and Logistics

Final minutes of meeting (conducted via Zoom): July 2, 2020 6:00-7:30 pm

Panel members present: Lan Dennie, RN, BSN, CMAC; Ben Linas, MD; Boris Perlovsky; Nira Pollock, MD, PhD; Serena Rajabiun, MA, MPH, PhD; Vishakha Sabharwal, MD; Benjamin Sommers, MD, PhD; Lakshmana Swamy, MD, MBA; Elena Savoia, MD, MPH (co-chair); Dave Gacioch (co-chair)

Panel members not present: Jenny Tam, PhD

PSB senior staff members present: none

School Committee members present: Susan Wolf Ditkoff; Mariah Nobrega, Sharon Abramowitz, Andy Liu

1. Draft minutes of 6/26/2020 were approved as final, without edits.
2. Summary of communication sub-group meeting from Drs. Savoia and Swamy, and Mr. Perlovsky, with discussion:
 - a. Consider a living document of received and anticipated questions from stakeholders.
 - b. Survey of parents and teachers should be completed in August to gauge trends close to the school year.
 - i. However, parents should be notified sooner about the upcoming plans to disseminate a survey and open lines of communication.
 - c. Establishing weekly communication is important so that the community is comfortable and prepared to access information.
 - d. Ideally, a public document outlining current and upcoming plans (in plain language) could be created for all to access.
3. Evidence Review of Reopening Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic by Dr. Sommers -- please see summary document for details.
4. Further discussion of DESE guidance to identify areas of focus for ongoing panel work.

5. Further discussion of testing options follow-up steps the panel might recommend.
 - a. Dr. Pollock noted that different plans have drastically different budgets.

6. Plan for 7/10/2020 meeting with incoming Interim Superintendent Dr. Marini, plus hopefully Public Health Commissioner Dr. Jett.
 - a. High priority topics include: testing, communication
 - b. Dr. Pollock to lead testing efforts
 - c. Dr. Savoia to lead communication efforts
 - d. A google doc to be made available to track individual questions (not threads of comments and responses) about DESE guidelines

7. Adjournment