

Westhampton Board of Health Meeting Minutes March 25, 2021

Attending: Robby Armenti (RA), David Blakesley (DB), Mark Bushee, Health Agent (MB), Tom Martin, Chair (TM) Guests: Ginny Curtis (GC), Lauren Hotz (LH), Carol Inman (CI), Paul Kennedy (PK), Margaret Larson (ML), Karen Milch (KM), Melanie Rubeck (MR), Kristen Smidy (KS)

Call to Order: 1:04 PM

1. Minutes of 3/18/21

- Motion to approve – DB
- Seconded by TM
- Discussion – rewording of item h. (done so.)

2. Schools

- TM lets Board know that schools will be open full time for every student wishing to attend on April 26th
- KS affirms there will be about 600 students coming back to HRHS
- Four topics of discussion: Lunches, Commencement, Prom, Spectators in Sports
- KS introduces lunches
 - a. There will be four lunches/day with 150 students per lunch
 - b. They are setting up tents for outside lunches
 - c. TM asks about monitors as kids tend to bunch up in lines and at check out points
 - d. CI talks about set up:
 - There will be three lines
 - All meals will be pre-plated: hot meal, cold sandwiches, vegetarian option
 - Everything will be disposable
 - ML says that the Safety Committee will meet to discuss today
 - DB asks that students remain masked until outside
 - TM – one concern – monitors near lines to keep students distanced.
 - TM would like monitors outside as well.
 - RA asked if some students would bring own lunches (sharing concerns.)
 - KS notes that each lunch will be a cohort for contact tracing.
 - DB asked if there will be enough seating for 150 students.
 - KS concerned about number of monitors needed.
 - MB asked about options for food allergies.
- Commencement introduced by KS
 - a. It will be a group ceremony held in HRHS athletic field
 - b. Families will be assigned by lottery for places to sit

- c. Limited family members
- d. Grads will be near the front
- e. All will be masked
- f. RA asks if there will be a place for graduates for pictures without masks
 - Place for graduates without masks
- g. Purchase tickets to park
- h. Date June 4th, rain date 5th or 6th
- i. TM asks how many participating – KS – about 800
 - TM – two entrances might be helpful
 - RA- monitors important to keep enforcing safety
- Senior Week introduced by KS
 - a. KS – would like to combine Prom and Banquet
 - b. RA has been listening to DPH guidance – has heard nothing yet (note* DESE – no Proms)
 - c. MB notes if it is at a venue, go by venue's rules
 - d. TM – notes Rule of 6
 - e. KS says that it could possibly be held at Log Cabin, but also at school if not there.
 - f. Another activity could be camping at the Cape
 - 50 participants
 - Transportation would be the main problem (have to go by bus.)
 - g. Bonfire
 - Working it out with Chief Antocz
 - Yearbooks would be given out then, along with pens
 - DB and TM have concerns about gathering, would need strict monitoring
 - h. Freshman movie night
- Spectators at Spring Sports
 - a. John Plourd sent an email asking for permission for spectators at some sports
 - b. Outdoor
 - Two spectators from home per athlete
 - Would be about 30 per team
 - c. Two spectators from home per HOME team per athlete
 - d. Board – would try with Seniors.
- KS notes that opening is going all right
 - a. Only 7th grade will not be able to maintain a 6 foot distance in classrooms; more likely a 5 foot distance.
 - b. TM feels that double masking will be very important.
 - c. KS agrees and notes that they will do the best they can.
- TM notes that variants are becoming more prevalent and although teachers are becoming vaccinated, it is no time to let their guard down.

3. Library

- Meaghan would like to go to a two day quarantine for books

- Board votes to agree.
- TM will write to her to let her know.

4. COA

- Board went over Recommendations
- Changed wording on #5. from “discouraged” to “not allowed.”

5. Vaccines

- Discussion on Homebound vaccination – we are partnered with Amherst
- Discussion about Vaccine Ambassador

6. 69 Northwest Rd

- Title V within the next couple of weeks

7. Elementary School

- TM did a walk through. He says everything looks good
- They decided not to do pooled testing.
- Hired a COVID monitor for lunches.

Adjourned at 2:37 PM