

PAC Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2020

**Advisory:**

Mrs. Hudock discussed that student calendars have been distributed to all three grade levels via student gmail accounts. Students are able to see what day formal lessons are being taught. For example: 6th graders learned how to “write an email” professionally. WAMS is working on creating a resource document of activities that students can choose to participate in if they have completed all their school work and have down time.

**Community Service Opportunities:**

A parent asked if there are any opportunities for community service type activities for middle schoolers. Mrs. Hudock shared that there is a Google Folder that can be found in the WAMS FF under important documents and the counseling tab. Parents can find information there about those businesses or organizations that welcome middle school aged students. Of course, with the current pandemic parents will need to conduct some research to see what organizations are still accepting visitors. Mrs. Hudock indicated that students in 8th grade are traditionally exposed to a service learning day but due to the pandemic we will need to see how things progress.

**Phase II Planning for WAMS**

Mrs. Hudock shared that the district is in the beginning planning stages of discussing the implementation of Phase II Return to Instruction. There are many unknown factors that will need to be considered when developing these plans. Whatever plan is created must account for the ever changing and evolving implications of COVID19. Some things that Mrs. Hudock is discussing with her team:

- Planning live instruction for longer period of time; contingent on social distancing and medical regulations per governor’s instruction
- Discussing the pros and cons to going back to our traditional 9 period day with the zoomers following their schedule at home. This would eliminate the virtual tutorial in the PM.
- Discussing other schedule options like longer blocks of time and not all classes meeting daily when the district goes back to full day.
- Implications of lunch are an issue. Snack is 10 minutes without masks. Students eating lunch would take longer and increase exposure to ALL. Discussing possible alternatives to the lunchroom. Students will not be eating lunch in a “traditional” manner.
- Parents will have the opportunity to consider changing platforms prior to the implementation of Phase II
- Virtual option will be available this year until June 2021 - unless the Governor retracts his decisions with NJDOE

Parent and student survey was very telling; mixed feelings about going back full time vs. staying status quo

Phase II starts with the youngest students coming in. Rolling it up the grade levels. Please see the district website under the Board of Education for the presentation given at the November BOE meeting on this topic.

### **Washington DC**

There will be no overnight Washington D.C. trip this year due to the Pandemic. Our planning for this trip begins in August. We will monitor the pandemic and look for other creative ways to celebrate our 8th graders.

### **Other**

A PAC member asked a question about whether the district was considering testing all students prior to coming back from the holiday break or keeping them home for a week after the break considering the amount of families who are known to be traveling and visiting with relatives. Mrs. Hudock indicated, at that time, there has been no discussion (to her knowledge) about the implementation of district wide testing of students or closing down the week after break.