

## Harvard Public Schools - School Committee, Policy Subcommittee

DRAFT meeting minutes 3/3/2021

**Date:** 3/3/2021

**Members present:** Abby Besse, Suzanne Allen, Linda Dwight

**Members absent:** none

**Others present:** none

**Location:** Remote meeting via Zoom

**Meeting convened at:** 9:15

### **Agenda:**

1. Public comment - none
2. Minutes Approval - **approved**
3. Covid Policy Review:

#### **Superintendent's Covid Policy Update**

- Board meeting with commissioner on Friday, 3/5. Dr. Dwight will meet with HTA afterwards to discuss plans and timeline
- Leadership plans to survey parents regarding comfort levels of distancing, returning to school full time, and lunch participation

#### **Lunch**

- When HES returns to full day, bagged lunches will be served with a sunbutter option and hot option.
- Free lunch for all MA students this year. A budget deficit will occur as we need to pay staff who prepare the food.
- Lunch will be 30 minutes and outside. 4 tents put up at Library field so that 6 ft distancing will be maintained. Tents will be spaced apart for kids to run around when done eating.

Policy implication: Seeking permission and policy update to eat lunch inside for inclement weather. Students will be spaced 6 ft. apart with maximum ventilation.

#### **Distancing in Classrooms**

- 15 students want to come back to in person school at HES
- Desks will 6 ft apart as much as possible. As more kids want to come back, the closer some desks may be in order to accommodate all students.

- 18 students can fit in a classroom at TBS by reducing side to side distancing, However, 6 ft. for teachers work space will remain
- A row of desks could be added at HES to accommodate more students. Side to side distancing will stay 6 ft but front to back may be reduced. 6 ft. for teachers' work space will be maintained.

Policy implication: Consider writing a spacing policy. Reviewed Brookline study Brookline document supporting evidence for reducing 6ft spacing minimum. Suzie and others will create similar document for HPS. [The Public Schools of Brookline Town Hall 333 Washington Street, 5th Floor Brookline, Massachusetts 02445 617.730.2401 Evidence](https://www.brookline.edu/333-Washington-Street-5th-Floor-Brookline-Massachusetts-02445-617.730.2401-Evidence)

**Policy Update:**

- Learning Model Decision points to change to April 5, from April 12. Ready to bring to the full committee.
- Mask policy updated to include lunch. Ready to go to full committee
- Created a first read policy to reflect a spacing policy of 3-6 feet

**J Policy review-** not done today

**Adjourned:** 10:51

**Next meeting:** March 10, 9:15

**Minutes:** Abby Besse