

Abraham Lincoln Elementary School
Special LSC Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

Attendees: Kat Chairez, Litcy Kursinkal, Carmen Gioiosa, Ursula Taylor, Radhika Dani, Paula Dongas, Ashley Williams, Greg Thompson, Nada Riley, Dr. Joyce Booker-Thomas.

Absent - Jackie Wernz, Melissa Macek

Nada made a motion to approve the agenda. Radhika seconded.

Roll call vote - Yes - Litcy, Ursula, Kat, Carmen, Paula, Ashley, Greg

No opposition/abstain

Melissa Macek joined at 6:05pm

Nada made a motion to table the approval of minutes to the next LSC mtg in Feb. Ashley seconded.

Kat amended the motion to move the approval of 12/16 minutes after the AIC presentation if time permits. Radhika seconded.

Roll call vote - Yes - Litcy, Ursula, Melissa, Carmen, Paula, Ashley, Greg, Nada

No opposition/abstain

Public Comment: None

AIC, Dr. Booker-Thomas presentation-

-The presentation and Q&A will be available on the website.

-AIC recommended sending questions to the LSC chair or her designee due to time constraints or if she doesn't have an answer, she will convey responses to the parents.

-Most important thing for re-opening school is the health and safety of all the students, staff and visitors.

-Online Health screening is required everyday before arriving at school. There is an option to receive a text message for a health screener reminder each morning.

-Temperature checks will be taken everyday.

-No visitors are allowed in the school unless necessary.

-Sanitizer/wipes are available at the school, face coverings/PPE are available for the staff, students and staff will have to stay 6ft apart, each pod will be ~15 students, clinical workspace will be separate from all the students.

-Air filtration is placed throughout the building.

-Students and staff must wear a mask at all times, students will remain in their pod all day long

-Care room for a sick student is available at school. Parents will be contacted and the student must be picked up immediately. Hence the school needs 2 guardian names on file. A student can only be released to an adult guardian.

- The student needs to get tested if there are Covid symptoms. If Covid+, student is required to quarantine for 14 days. If non-covid illness, a doctor's note is required to come back to school. Student is required to quarantine at home for 10 days after travelling outside IL.
- Please contact CPS directly if the student has come in contact with a Covid infected person for contact tracing.
- Teachers will teach in-person and virtual.
- Some teachers will only provide remote learning due to special accommodation granted by CPS.
- If there are a large number of students in a class returning to school, staffing and pods may change.
- In person instruction-
Pod A will meet on Monday/Tuesday, Pod B will meet on Thursday/Friday, Wednesday will be fully remote learning.
6 hrs of instruction, 45min recess/lunch, 15min non-instructional activity for Pod A & B.
3 hrs of synchronous and 3 hrs asynchronous learning on Wednesdays.
- Students have to stay within their pod and come to school on the days of their assigned pod.
- Students have an option to change from in-person to remote school, but they can't come back to school till the 4th quarter if they decide to switch back.
- There will be no recess outside, breakfast and lunch has to be eaten in the classrooms, they have to maintain a distance of 6ft from each other in the class, the entire pod will use the restroom together, water fountains are disabled, but bottle fillers are operational.
- There will be staggered entry and dismissal time and entry/exit doors will be assigned to each student.
- Lincoln has one of the highest number of students returning to school, ~69%.
- Specialty classes and EFAC schedule is still to be decided and will be shared at a later date.
- All this information is subject to change.
- AIC and Ms. Negron have been at Lincoln for only 7 days.

Q & A with LSC members-

- There aren't as many students engaged at the same time because they are divided into pods, IT dept. is checking bandwidth at all the schools, Lincoln system was upgraded within the last couple of years. Lincoln got ~300 more chrome books. Students will use wifi, the devices will not be hardwired, but AIC will verify with the IT dept about the bandwidth concern at Lincoln with in-person learning.
- If a teacher has to quarantine due to Covid, the whole pod has to quarantine or the teacher can teach remotely with an adult supervision in class for the kids.
- AIC can't ask the teachers to balance out the in-person and remote learning instructional hours due to existing teacher contracts. It is set by CPS. Diverse Learners will continue to have their regular schedule in-person or hybrid.
- East, center and west buildings at Lincoln have temperature control issues. 1 student who took the NWEA test today in center bldg felt feverish due to high heat in the room. There was a concern that Covid droplets linger in warm air - high room temperatures. AIC is meeting with the facilities personnel on 1/21 to discuss the temperature regulation throughout all 3 bldgs.
- Parents can email Paula Dongas if any student wants to switch from hybrid to remote learning.

- If a student switches from hybrid to remote learning, they cannot switch back to hybrid till 4th quarter to reduce chances of contamination in school.
- Indoor air qualities report on Lincoln was released in November. Nada will follow up with AIC on the report and the building's air exchange rate is one of the items to discuss. Nada has emailed AIC if she can be part of the meeting with facilities on 1/21. She is also meeting with the alderman tomorrow for school safety concerns.
- Breakfast will be provided for pickup if needed and must be eaten in the classroom.
- 4 Miscellaneous employees are hired.
- 2 have cleared the background check, 2 awaiting their background check
- A teacher said it is not part of their contract to clean the classroom, so students can try to clean-up after themselves and 3.5 custodian staff at Lincoln will clean the facility.

Public comments-

Ashley made a motion to extend public comments to 30 min. Nada seconded it.
 Roll call - Yes - Lityc, Ursula, Melissa, Carmen, Radhika, Greg, Paula, Nada.
 No opposition/abstain

Q & A with Lincoln community-

- Diverse Learners will be in general ed classroom, there will be co-teaching. AIC needs time to gather all the information on DL before giving any specific information about their pod arrangement. If students go remote, pods will be readjusted, so no definite answers are available for servicing DL right now.
- 5th-8th grade teachers teach multiple classes, so they will follow all safety guidelines of keeping 6ft distance, wear a mask at all times, wash hands, minimize contact and try to do their best to not cross-contaminate.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom without masks, students will be sitting 6 ft apart
- Indoor quality air assessment results from November are concerning. AIC is meeting with facilities operations personnel to discuss adequate fresh air, monitor CO₂ levels in the bldg, heating and air distribution among many other things.
- In-person students will use school issued devices, no personal devices are allowed at school. There will be no device during independent learning and some students will be on device.
- There is a potential to have more than 2days/week in-person learning if there aren't too many kids in the class.
- Siblings will be in the same pod.
- The school will follow all the guidelines to be safe because the daily health screeners and temperature checks don't catch asymptomatic conditions.
- Parents will get advanced notice if teacher is teaching remotely (teacher's personal health information won't be disclosed)
- Teachers' Covid vaccination schedule is unknown.
- Lincoln will provide masks for staff, they can also bring their personal masks. Lincoln will provide masks for students if needed.
- Job posting is online for a Care Room attendant.
- The custodians will come in and disinfect the classrooms. Teachers can follow regular cleaning procedures after meals.

- After figuring out the baseline of 15 students per pod, AIC and staff will try to figure out a way to create sub-pods for specialty classes and EFAC.
- Class teachers are subject to change based on pods and teacher staffing.
- Students can interact with social distance in mind to avoid the spread.
- Desks in the classroom are 6 ft apart.
- Today the CTU has asked teachers to not go back to school, but AIC can't comment on that matter.
- Students should bring their school chromebooks, not personal devices.
- Lesson planning(homework submission, band classes) haven't been discussed with the staff yet.
- inform the school of any situation for the need for students to be in the same pod, school will try to honor the request.
- Mental health wellness resources are available for the teachers, AIC will provide the information.
- Students should try not to share the school supplies. Teachers can supply the list for kids to bring on the 1st day of school.

Ashley made a motion for extending 10 minutes for public comments, Nada seconded it
 Roll call vote - Yes - Lityc, Ursula, Melissa, Kat, Carmen, Radhika, Greg, Paula
 No opposition/abstain

Dr. Booker Thomas left at 8pm.

Nada made a motion to approve the 12/16 minutes, Ursula seconded it.
 Roll call vote - Yes - Lityc, Kat, Carmen, Melissa, Radhika, Ashley, Paula, Greg

Jan 4, 11, 14, 19, 20 meeting minutes will be approved in February LSC meeting.

Nada made a motion to hold a special LSC mtg on Feb 2 at 6pm. Kat seconded it.
 Roll call vote - yes- Lityc, Ursula, Melissa, Radhika, Carmen, Greg, Ashley, Paula

-Agenda items for next special LSC mtg - closed session if a new batch of principal candidate resumes need to be reviewed, hybrid school conversation if there are any concerns, CIWP updates

Public comment -

- It was suggested to not rush through the principal selection process.
- If the results from AIC's meeting with facilities personnel aren't satisfactory, maybe LSC can help the AIC gather resources to improve conditions for the students and staff to come back to school. Example - send letter to alderman, CPS, etc.
- ot was suggested that Lincoln LSC may need to send a resolution letter to CPS, but this topic can't be discussed further during this special meeting because it wasn't on the agenda.
- There is a CTU/parent forum on school re-opening tomorrow evening, 1/21.

Nada made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35am. Paula seconded it.

Roll call vote - Yes - Lityc, Ursula, Kat, Melissa, Carmen, Radhika, Ashley, Greg

No opposition/abstain