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## Highlights

- Mr. Folk reported the following updates from the first week back on campus:
  - The new protocols and routines have been implemented smoothly with little hassle and in a timely fashion.
  - The teachers and staff have done a great job assimilating to the new normal. Mr. Folk monitored many classrooms and feels the majority of teachers are teaching the students directly (in other words, in-person students are not watching the teachers on their Chromebooks).
  - While students at first were a little shy about engaging with one another and their teachers, he has noticed an increase in interaction over the course of the week.
  - Overall, Mr. Folk is pleased with the return to school experience and hopes the district will decide to increase both the number of students allowed on campus and the frequency students can attend.
- Mr. Folk is planning to use state funding to provide an extended day plan for students in the mid March - mid May timeframe. He plans to send a group of teachers to Grier Heights three days a week for these eight weeks to help with homework and make up work that will help keep the kids focused and supported. At this point in time, he does not need any support from the PTO; he will use the leftover gift cards to purchase snacks.
- Mr. Folk is meeting with SI Winston today to discuss the strategy for summer school. In all likelihood, the experience will be similar to remedial summer school. Mr. Folk hopes to host AG students on our campus as he thinks it will ensure better participation. It is still to be determined how students will be selected for participation, but at a minimum, he believes the focus will be D and F students, students with chronic absences, and ELL students. Denise shared that the current bill in the legislature is proposing 6 weeks, 5 days/week, 6 hours/day plus lunch and recess time.
- Teachers are getting their vaccines! Mr. Folk had his first shot on Wednesday and has researched ways for his staff to schedule appointments. The fact that there are so many options underway is helping tone down the anxiety and to increase the positive attitude among the staff. At this time, he believes most of the staff have their appointments scheduled and should have their first shot by next week.



- Mr. Folk feels that asking parents of bus riders and those without mobile devices to complete and print the Symptom Screener prior to coming to school is overkill and not a good use of time. The staff could easily ask the students the questions upon arrival.
- We did have a COVID case appear this week. Fortunately, the COVID case protocols worked really well. The possibility of exposure was communicated by the student's parent, and the student was immediately removed from class. The parent picked up the student in a timely fashion, and once the student was confirmed to have COVID, the staff was able to contact trace and determine that no students were exposed either in the classroom or on the bus. The communications process worked smoothly.
- The board shared the following parent feedback:
  - Overall positive experience.
  - Carpool drop off process has gone very smoothly - very quick and efficient.
  - Teacher attitude has been positive.
  - Kids are enjoying being back on campus.
  - Denise shared that she is receiving daily notifications from the Here Comes the Bus application despite the fact that her students were not attending in person this week and that they have opted out of taking the bus.
  - Remote students are having a hard time hearing teachers and students who are in the classroom. A recommendation was made that teachers make a point to repeat the comment/question from the student so that the remote students can hear.
  - Denise asked Mr. Folk about our chronic absence rate. He responded that overall, our rate has been very low, due to the fact that our AG teachers have been working from the school all year and that they have stayed on top of absences, even conducting home visits to ensure students are attending.
  - Denise asked if the community is now allowed to use our fields. Barca Soccer Club is currently using them to practice. Mr. Folk would prefer to keep the track and field closed to the general public for the time being.
  - Overall, students have enjoyed FIT and do not have problems walking the track and wearing masks during this timeframe.

### **Next Steps**

- No next steps were identified.