

# **NORTHROP SITE COUNCIL 1/21/21**

**Next meetings: 2/18 and 2/25 4:30-6:00**

Unavailable: Joe

## **Virtual Open Houses**

- MPS asked schools to host because of changes with CDD – parents want to know about their assigned school and open enrollment
- well attended, 37 families first mtg, and 29 second mtg
- positive input

## **Returning to in-person Learning**

- 2/1 staff returns to building
- 2/8 k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students attend,
- 2/22 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students attend
- as of 1/21 parent request form:
  - 200 Northrop students returning
  - 175 Northrop students remaining online

- MPS is also seeing approx. 60% returning, 40% online
- requests are due 1/22/21

- #1 question by families, “Will my student get the same teacher?”
- some students will get a different teacher, but not determined yet which teachers will be in-person or online
- a lot is dependent on how many students come back
- some staff have applied for ADA accommodations
- parents requesting in person want specific details of safety measures in place
- FAQ’s were sent to families from office
- if staff member gets sick MPS has a cadre to cover including student teachers and DPF’s
- Northrop has a very limited staff or any extra support for coverage
- protocol in place if student shows signs of illness or confirmed infection
- each school has Covid-19 MPS contact for immediate assistance
- hope to turn “nervousness into planning” the week of 2/1
- MPS was given 86 vaccination shots by the MDE

- Anderson School staff were invited across the street to Abbott NW hospital to get vaccinations
- according to principals' meeting, "good things on the horizon". School staff next in line after essential care workers
- parent shared that her child is in essential childcare and she is very comfortable with the protocols in place. Daughter knows the routines.
- parents want to know how staff is feeling-
- staff shared feelings/concerns: some required to do both Distance learning and in person, it is so much more work, there is a "search for certainty" but not there yet
- staff will know class size and who is teaching what next Friday 1/29
- shields and mask make a big difference in helping to mitigate germs, Andy and staff will enforce "gently" that masks are to be worn properly by both students and adults

**-Andy will host a ZOOM or Facebook Live chat for families to answers questions about returning to school. TBD, but some time the week of 1/22. Suggested to use Facebook for better attendance.**

### **Budget**

- Northrop will receive week of 2/14
- Principal designing survey for families, including those new due to CDD, to gather data/input on budget
- wording will be parent friendly
- State of MN budget looks good, MPS not

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