

PSO MEETING NOTES WITH MR RINGS 10/22/20

OLA questions:

If an ELA student chooses an elective they will not have a change in schedule or teachers. The MS sent out a form earlier in the week to ask if OLA student wanted to pick up an elective but it is not required. The elective will be asynchronous.

The hope and intention is to offer OLA as it currently looks for the 2nd semester. It may be dependent on how the numbers look at the end of the first semester.

If an in-person student switches to OLA, they will still be able to take enriched or advanced classes. How that looks will be dependent on the class and number of kids. It is possible that the student would live stream into a class, and it is possible they could have a remote teacher.

Any student can switch from in-person to OLA at any point – contact the guidance counselor or Mr. Rings. It is more difficult to switch from OLA to in-person so that is why the school has asked for a semester long commitment.

One positive case at MS found out on Tuesday. The test was based upon a family's voluntary choice to take the covid-19 antibody test. The antibody test revealed that the student had had Covid at some point. There is no way of knowing when the student actually had Covid and it was determined that the student does not currently have Covid. Thus, no quarantining necessary. District was required to report.

If have to quarantine, the teachers have the ability to turn on cameras and microphones and so kids won't have to miss something. They cannot join in on an OLA class while in quarantine because teachers won't be on same page as in person students. They will be called in as absent. If you stay home but stream in it's still an "absent quarantine". They are relaxing absent rules when you hit certain days or hours missing from school. If absent you can also access everything through google classroom.

Temps taken are being moved to inside. Send the kids in and the staff will take temps inside. If temp high they will go in the clinic and they will be there until someone comes up to get them.

Please make sure Peterson Nut Fundraising items are in. They were due today. Can also send them in tomorrow and next week. Will be making order soon so they can get them in before Thanksgiving. We have almost \$6,000 of money orders so far. Check sons and daughters book bags just in case.

Lockers will be available next week. Look on Progress Book next week. They will look as weather gets colder to see if they can rotate kids at lockers. Morning and afternoon visits only to minimize hallway traffic.

If anyone looking for a part time job 3 or 4 hours a day please help! They also need aids for lunchroom. Can also pick building if you need. Job postings on the website. In desperate need for full time and regular basis help and substitute basis.

Governor talked about increase in numbers. We may get an email tonight that we are staying in the current model. If we go purple next week that means everyone would go remote but don't have answers on how that would look. Return to 5 day next week may not happen.

If you switched from OLA to all in, the changes have not officially been made so you will stay with the current schedule. He will call everyone tomorrow to ask if they want to stay put with schedules as before. Mr. Rings said if you are Hybrid today you may be Hybrid Monday same as all OLA.

They have a new Social Studies teacher to hire as a half time teacher to help to add a section in 6th, 7th and 8th grade to decrease class sizes and safety of staff.

Mr. Rings hopeful we may get to school again sometime this year. Will still try to keep numbers down staff vs. kid ratio. Doing it now vs. later will help for when we do get back.

If you were asked to go in four days that will stay the same as well as Hybrid. Whatever you did last week will be the same next week.

Mr. Rings will be meeting with his administration and will get more information as it becomes available. Stay tuned.

Decision tree district has out there. If you have a temp of 102 and doctor states it's a sinus infection. You can take that diagnosis and come back to school. Either have to have a diagnosis of another illness or a negative COVID test.

Few issues with kids wearing masks but nothing major. One repeat offender is now online/remote learning.

Resource room kids if in purple, do not have a plan yet if they will still come in. Mr. Rings will continue to talk with administration.

Doors 1 (main entrance), Door 3-4 (off bus entrance), Door 5 (Auditorium) locations where they will have temp checks. Please do not stop right at the middle of the drop off.

OLA has no computer or STEM. If stay OLA will have better specials for 7th graders next semester. Concentrating on 8th grader electives since they can't get electives next year.

Mr. Rings does not anticipate that any students will have to repeat their year. Mr. Rings will always guarantee staff will pick kids up wherever they are at year to year and move them along. Achievement tests are given to see where they are at and moving them forward from there. Teachers are doing a wonderful job of moving them forward.

PSAT will be given 8th through 11th and come 11th that's when it counts for national merit program. Gives staff an idea of where they need to be and what can be done better. This will be nationally standardized and has many benefits! Allows kids to practice taking the test.

If we go purple there are no decisions on what will happen to sports yet!

Tryouts first three days of week teams practice Thursday and Friday for girls basketball. Physical has to be on file if you make the team.

If all in, band is split in band room and on stage. It will just have more kids but same set up and spaced out.

If we go all remote due to purple we will go with current schedule just all online.

Many positive comments in chat thanking Mr. Rings for his comments and opportunity to ask questions. He will continue to post information as it becomes available.