
Interim Leadership Team Report

— The Exploris School —
Board Meeting Sept. 22nd, 2020

Personnel and Operations

- Board approval is requested to appoint Lyndsey Anderson to the position of teaching partner.
- Board approval is requested to appoint Allie Yun to the position of teaching partner.
- Board approval is requested to contract with Sunbelt Staffing for ESL services (MOU in packet)

Programming & Curriculum Updates

- **MAP testing is being completed**
 - Managing pretty well in remote, with some bumps
 - Using the data to help plan core instruction and interventions
- **Students & Staff settling into routines**
 - Some grades beginning to take advantage of the “plus” part of Plan C+
 - Some great use of guest speakers
 - Creative use of the tech tools and situations-- Explorations, MS GA Electives, etc

Reopening Updates

Forming a Task Force for Plan B

- 1st checkpoint is Fall break
- Family & Staff surveys: who will come back?
- Local metrics
- Get buildings ready
- Updating schedules & revisiting 2x2
- Communications & messaging to families

Reopening Timeline

Our reevaluation windows are:

- Fall Break (Oct. 5-9)
- End of Trimester 1 (Nov. 20)
- Winter Break (Dec 21-Jan 1)
- End of Trimester 2 (March 11)
- Spring Break (March 29-April 5)

Reopening Metrics

We are using a number of factors to determine our plan, including

- Guidelines from the North Carolina Health and Human Services,
- Guidelines from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction,
- Local metrics of Covid spread, using the WCPSS standard:
 - Metrics provided by local health officials and the NC Department of Health and Human Services show the rate of positive cases in Wake County has declined to 5% or lower for two consecutive weeks
 - supporting metrics tracked by the county are all trending downward.
- Experiences from other schools and organizations who are reopening
- Input from our Exploris staff and Exploris families.
- Readiness of our classrooms and PPE



Counseling Updates

- ***Say Something***

- Training 6th-8th graders again this year how to use the “Say Something” anonymous reporting app
- This training will help students identify warning signs for school violence as well as potential issues of bullying and self-harm. Here are resources for parents about the program.
 - [Parent Letter](#)
 - [Parent Brochure](#)
- Student Support team completed their refresher training this past week

- **Ongoing response to Technology or food insecurity needs**

- **Parent Connection Sessions:**

October 15th at 12:30 and 8:30 pm

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93849276883>

In case you missed last month: [Click here](#)



Finance

- The Finance Committee met on Thur., Sept. 17 to review the financials for both FY20 and FY21.
- Monthly meetings are now being held at 3:30 PM to accommodate the schedule of teacher representatives. We are pleased to now have teacher representatives from both elementary and middle school grades.
- Next month, we plan to present the final FY20 EOY balance to be transferred to reserves, as well as the revised FY21 budget.
- The FY21 budget currently projects an EOY balance of 3.22%.
- Financial reports are included in the board packet.



Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Brown & Amanda Northrup,
on behalf of the
Exploris Interim Leadership Team

