

**PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 7, 2020, 5:30PM Virtual Meeting**

LSC Members Present: Chuck Deters, Jenise Celestin, Jeremy Elston, Kathleen Hurley, Lloy Johnston, Maleeha Mubashiruddin, Marti Hindaileh, Yalil Nieves, Erik Juhl, Leslie Combs, Karla Rivera

LSC Members Absent: Whitney Norris







































































































Public Present: Attached. See List of Attendees.

Call to Order: 5:34 PM **Adjournment:** 8:08 PM **Next Meeting:** January 14, 4:30 PM























































1. Call to Order: Maleeha called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM
2. Vote to Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Amendment to add principals report.
 - b. Maleeha moved to approve the agenda, motion passes.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Sarah Lammie – Too many questions unanswered. How will children actually handle it?
 - b. Kyla Klein – Against reopening. Vaccinations are close, hold out to insure teachers are vaccinated so they don't get sick or their loved ones sick.
 - c. Heather Earnhart – The CPS plan will harm rather than help students. Children need stability. Continue teaching remotely and reduce virtual minutes.
 - d. Rachel Marion – PreK is about learning how to be in classroom and the class setup doesn't allow that to happen. She won't be able to console the children. Sharing won't be possible.
 - e. Kate Balsley – Urge the LSC to make a statement to oppose the plan. My biggest concern is the safety of the staff, wait for the vaccine.
 - f. Brian Bochenek – The students are in their stride of learning and by splitting their students, the communities in the grade levels will be dissolved. All routines will have to be relearned.
 - g. Ariana Garcia – Returning is unrealistic and it's unfair to the teachers and children. It's a risk to the community.
 - h. Michael Golub – I have no confidence that the custodial staff will be able to handle cleaning the schools the way the CDC recommends.
 - i. Sara Skaggs – Union Delegate. Explained the responses given from a survey given to teachers. 3 said they feel safe returned, 53 said they don't.
 - j. Kathryn Person – My child has thrived in this environment, so I don't understand the emotional argument. I have no faith in this plan.
 - k. Rob Reynolds – Simultaneous teaching won't work. What we have established with children is amazing and this will reset it.
 - l. Philip Kaplan – The reopening plan is reckless and unnecessary. It's a threat to the Peterson community.

- m. Myriam Migrditchian – Does not want a resolution. I work from home and my husband has to work in person. She has two young children and her child is struggling with mental health.
 - n. Kiran Ionita – We as the teachers are working really hard to make this work. Going back to school will be very hard at this moment.
 - o. Carmen Rodriguez – The LSC should make a statement relative to it's role. If hybrid doesn't fulfill the CIWP then we shouldn't do it.
 - p. Jeff Oliveira – I love what I do and I love our community and the kids are the best part of my day. I can't choose between my own health and sharing the joy of music with the community.
 - q. Martha Mulligan – At what cost are we doing this? Other districts around the nation that go back end up going back to remote learning.
 - r. Byron Alvarado – We opted for our child to come back, but now we're not. But are we going to be given the option to come back for the 3rd/4th quarter?
 - s. Sarah Ahmad-Myers – What does cleaning maintenance look like?
 - t. Sarah Roberts – City wide Physical Therapist in CPS. Assigned to multiple schools and works with children that often require her to physically help them.
 - u. Allison Tierney Halvorsen – The teachers have been amazing at helping the kids connect. I think the CPS plan is poor, but I also think that schools should open. I wish the plan was more creative.
 - v. Caitlin Lassus – I'm a healthcare worker. The end point has to do with community spread. The surge in covid after the holidays means it's currently not a good time. Either way, we will be going to school during the pandemic and we need to be creative. Cleaning surfaces does very little to prevent the spread.
 - w. Aaron Jemison – I know we have to go back but I don't think we should go back yet. How can we clean everything after kids touch all of the toys?
 - x. Zola Bevacqua – I think we're doing really well in school right now, but I know some are struggling. There will also be less learning. I also think some kids won't follow the rules.
4. Principal's Report
- a. Hybrid vs Remote is roughly 50/50.
 - b. Showing pictures of what classrooms will look like and the air purifiers.
 - c. Anyone that comes into the building will have to take a pre-screener and get temperature checked.
 - d. Professional Development Sessions for Teachers on how to do simultaneous teaching.
 - e. Hiring 3 cadres and 3 seasonal positions.
 - i. Seasonal positions will be there to watch the students (lunch/recess).
5. Discussion and Vote on Resolution regarding CPS Reopening Plan
- a. Roll call vote LSC - has voted to amend the resolution to the CPS plan with the amendment.
 - i. Amended the resolution: Draft was shared and we worked off of that. Based on the discussion it was moved to become a letter of concern.
 - ii. We addressed trust, transparency, and arbitrary timing.
 - b. Passes with 1 absent (Whitney Norris) and 1 abstention (Yalil Nieves).
6. Adjournment
- a. Moved to adjourn at 8:08pm.























































List of Attendees

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	+1 773-***-***23				Carmen Karnuth		
	+1 773-***-***91				Carmen Rodriguez		
	A Garcia				Catherine Jarvis		
	Aaron Jemison				Catherine Korda		
	Abby M. Z.				Celia Bergman		
	Allison Tierney Halvorsen				Chourouk Kassou		
	Amanda Bevacqua				Ciara Wilkins		
	Amy Lund				Claudia Tejada		
	Amy Snodgrass				Craig Lichtenberg		
	Anisa Patel				David Balsley		
	Ari Nussbaum				David Wetzel		
	Ashley Riggio				De'Andrea Bell		
	Barbara Nordlund				diana Lucero		
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More actions

	Eric Staswick		
	Erik and Amy Almer		
	Erik Juhl		
	Erin Hagan		
	Faris Owenah		
	Grace Lowrance		
	Han Truong		
	Husna Syeda		
	Jackie Spinner		
	Jaimini Mistry		
	Jamie Rivas		
	Jannet Masrour		
	Jeffrey Oliveira		
	Jenise C		
	Jenna Brandon		
	Jenna Stacy		
	Jennifer Barnes		
	Jennifer Macfarland		

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	Jess MOTOV		
	Jessica Ondrey		
	Johanna Fernandez		
	John Knoff		
	Julie Morelli		
	Karla Estela		
	Kathleen Hurley		
	Kathryn Person		
	Kelly Ortigara		
	Kiran Ionita		
	Kirsten Havens		
	Kristen Hunter		
	Kulsoom Chaudhry		
	Kyla Klein		
	Leslie Combs		
	Lina Vargas		
	Lindsey Post Robinson		

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Lynda Gibson



Maleeha Mubashiruddin



Maria Castanon



Marissa Herrera



Marshante Beverly



Martha Hindaileh



Martha Mulligan



Megan Fair



Megan Wales



Michael Golub



Michele Herro



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Nicole Flores



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Nydia Rodriguez



Oliver Harriman



Peggy Chang



Philip Kaplan



Rachel Bramley



Rachel Marion



Rachel Mendes



Randy Brandt

























































Reggie Newton



Robert Reynolds



	Ryan Kinney		
	Sandra Devarenne		
	Sara Skaggs		
	Sarah Lammie		
	Sarah Roberts		
	Sarah Smith		
	Sarah Van Wolvelaar		
	Stephanie Thill		
	Svetlana Vasilev		
	Tom Butterfield		
	Veronica Hetler		
	Wendy Chung		
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Chat Messages from Google Meet

Kulsoom Chaudhry5:25 PM

Hello Everyone

Kathleen Hurley5:26 PM

That's the Peterson vision!

Jenna Brandon5:28 PM

Hi Marti!!

Martha Hindaileh5:28 PM

Hi Jenna!

Maleeha Mubashiruddin5:29 PM

Here is the link for the agenda.https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HPnQM-OuCevn8eHLQhxjxZ46pjPF8YdBC0F3TTJZE_g/edit?usp=sharing

Sarah Lammie5:29 PM

Thank you :)

Jenise C5:29 PM

Welcome! If you are interested in speaking to share your feedback this evening, please put your name in the chat and we'll go in order. Thanks!

Lloy B Johnston5:30 PM

that's my favorite. Yay Ms. Lammie love

Sarah Lammie5:31 PM

I love all my kiddos, even if they aren't in my classroom anymore.

Sarah Lammie5:32 PM

Sarah Lammie would like to speak

Kyla Klein5:32 PM

Kyla Klein please

Nicholas Earnhart5:32 PM

I would like to speak.. Is there a tiime limit?

Rachel Marion5:32 PM

Rachel Marion

Kathleen Hurley5:33 PM

Yes, 2 min per person. 45 min allocated to public comment.

Nicholas Earnhart5:33 PM

Thi is Heather Earnhart

David Balsley5:33 PM

Kate Balsley, please

Brian Bochenek5:33 PM

Brian Bochenek - though if my turn comes up and I am taking care of my kiddos then I may have to pass. Is that okay?

Kathleen Hurley5:34 PM

Of course Brian :) We can circle back to if there's time

A Garcia5:34 PM

I would like to speak - Andriana Garcia

Lloy B Johnston5:35 PM

Are we recording?

Michael Golub5:36 PM

Mike Golub

Jenise C5:36 PM

For the newcomers to the meeting: Welcome! If you are interested in speaking to share your feedback this evening, please put your name in the chat and we'll go in order. Thanks!

Barbara Nordlund5:37 PM

Thank you all for your work on LSC - grateful for you!

Kathryn Person5:38 PM

Thank you and welcome!

Amanda Bevacqua5:38 PM

Agreed, thank you!

Jannet Masrour5:38 PM

thank you for all your efforts

Maleeha Mubashiruddin5:38 PM

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Sara Skaggs5:41 PM

I'd like to talk

Kathryn Person5:42 PM

I would like to speak also, please

Robert Reynolds5:42 PM

Rob Reynolds I would like to speak too.

Kathleen Hurley5:43 PM

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Jamie Rivas5:44 PM

Well said, Sarah!

Kulsoom Chaudhry5:45 PM

Thank you Sarah

Kathleen Hurley5:46 PM

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Munisa Patel5:49 PM

Agreed, Heather!

Kathryn Person5:50 PM

Thanks, Heather!

Martha Mulligan5:50 PM

Thank you, Heather Earnhart! We agree!

Kathleen Hurley5:51 PM

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Gabriel Whitson5:52 PM

I agree. Thank you!

Philip Kaplan5:54 PM

I'd like to speak briefly

Kathleen Hurley5:55 PM

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Kathryn Person5:56 PM

Okay to just speak your mind! <3

Kathleen Hurley5:57 PM

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Barbara Nordlund5:57 PM

All of the educators showing up to speak tonight is a testament to their dedication to Peterson. Thank you.

myriam !5:58 PM

Myriam Migrditchian—I'd like to speak please.

Kiran Ionita5:58 PM

I'd like to speak, if time permits. K.Ionita

bayron alvarado5:58 PM

I would like to say something if possible thank you

Carmen Rodriguez5:58 PM

I'd like to speak.

Jeffrey Oliveira5:58 PM

I'd like to add my name ot the speaking list, time permitting - Jeff Oliveira

Martha Mulligan5:58 PM

Please add Martha Mulligan to list of speakers.

Kathryn Person5:59 PM

I think you have me on the list also from before (but I got logged out for a min)- Kathryn Person

Kirsten Havens5:59 PM

Thank you so much for this info regarding custodians - beyond unacceptable that they would be buying their own supplies!

Sarah Lammie5:59 PM

Well said, Mike. I've deep cleaned my room during flu season I can't tell you how many times. We need more custodians for sure

Sarah Ahmad-Myers6:00 PM

I got kicked off the meeting 2 times. I'd still like an opportunity to speak if possible.

Sarah Roberts6:00 PM

I'd like to speak if time - Sarah Roberts.

Barbara Nordlund6:01 PM

Sara can you share those stats in the chat?

Sara Skaggs6:01 PM

Do you feel safe returning to the building?

Yes - 3

No - 53

Do you or someone in your household have a condition that is high risk?

Yes - 33

No - 23

youssef azzat6:01 PM

We against the reopening

Amanda Bevacqua6:01 PM

Do we know what % of Peterson families opted for returning to school?

Maleeha Mubashiruddin6:02 PM

it's about 50%

Aaron Jemison6:02 PM

NO

You6:02 PM

From WBEZ, 49% in, 49% out 2% hadn't responded as of December

Sara Skaggs6:02 PM

Have you requested an accommodation?

Yes, my accommodation has been met - 1

Yes, but I do not feel comfortable with the accommodation that has been granted - 1

Yes, but I have not yet received a response - 17

Yes, but my accommodation has been denied - 2

No - 15

No, I was not able to request an accommodation because my concern wasn't listed in the CPS choices - 20

Amanda Bevacqua6:02 PM

thanks, maleeha

Claudia Tejada6:02 PM

I agree with everything everyone is saying. We need to stand together! My family was exposed and it was difficult! It spreads quickly and the reality is we are NOT prepared

Nicole Flores6:03 PM

Also thanks to the parents and community members who are here and who are speaking.

Kathryn Person6:05 PM

Teachers are doing a WONDERFUL job! Thank you!

Kathleen Hurley6:05 PM

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Rachel Marion6:06 PM

Thank you to everyone. I feel so blessed to work in such a supportive community.

Carrie Martens6:06 PM

Thank you parents, community members, and Peterson Admin for ALL of your support!

Veronica Hetler6:06 PM

Yes, thank you to all of the teachers. Our 2nd grader and 6th grader are having such a positive experience and it's a testament to their hard work in such challenging circumstances.

Kathryn Person6:06 PM

yes

Allison Tierney Halvorsen6:06 PM

I'd like to speak, if there is time.

youssef azzat6:06 PM

All the thanks to the teachers

Allison Tierney Halvorsen6:06 PM

Yes, Myriam.

Don Lassus6:07 PM

could I speak? Caitlin Lassus

Kathleen Hurley6:08 PM

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David Wetzel6:08 PM

My kids are older but also need some kind of contact with others. Thanks for your perspective, Myriam!

Allison Tierney Halvorsen6:08 PM

Thanks so much, Myriam. Appreciate your perspective.

Celia Bergman6:08 PM

Thanks for your courage to speak up, Myriam.

Kathryn Person6:09 PM

Appreciate your perspective

Abby M. Z.6:09 PM

I appreciate your perspective and sharing your concerns and struggle.

Lloy B Johnston6:09 PM

Thank you Myriam!

Marshante Beverly6:09 PM

Thank you for sharing your perspective!

Kathleen Hurley6:10 PM

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Reggie Newton6:11 PM

Thanks for sharing Myriam. I want to hear everyone's perspective.

Aaron Jemison6:12 PM

My phone is about to die I want to make a statement

Kathleen Hurley6:13 PM

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Kathleen Hurley6:16 PM

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Rachel Marion6:16 PM

Thank you for being vulnerable with us

Kathryn Person6:16 PM

Much love to you, Mr. O. Thank you for all you do.

Jennifer Barnes6:16 PM

<3 Jeff!!!!

Jenna Brandon6:16 PM

Thank you Mr. O!

Philip Kaplan6:17 PM

We got your back Mr. O!

Nicole Flores6:17 PM

Thanks Myriam - admittedly I don't think either solution is great for the little ones. Jeff, sending you a virtual hug.

Kulsoom Chaudhry6:17 PM

Thank you Mr. O we all feel the same way!

Erin Hagan6:17 PM

We love you Jeff!

Stephanie Thill6:17 PM

♡ Jeff

Svetlana Vasilev6:17 PM

Thanks for sharing that Jeff! You Rock!!

Marshante Beverly6:17 PM

Appreciate your vulnerability Mr. O!

Sarah Smith6:18 PM

Jeff you are doing an amazing job making music fun and engaging! You really make the kids love music through your love of music!! <3 I always love coming to music with the kids and seeing them light up!

Nilofer K6:18 PM

I agree! Thanks Mr. O!

barbara salatin6:18 PM

Thank you for being vulnerable with us!

Reggie Newton6:19 PM

Thanks for the input Mr. Oliveira.

Lloy B Johnston6:19 PM

Thank you, Mr. Oliveira. Truly.

Amanda Bevacqua6:20 PM

My 7th grade daughter, Zola Bevacqua, would like to speak.

Michael Golub6:20 PM

No such thing as a "deep clean" in CPS

David Wetzel6:22 PM

Honestly I think my kids would benefit from even a week of in-person learning. Having said that, I'm terrified of CPS's lack of planning, detail, and transparency. We also have some high risk conditions here. But the kids are suffering from lack of connection. Can we find some creative solutions to bridge some of these gaps?

Lloy B Johnston6:22 PM

Thanks, David.

Kathleen Hurley6:22 PM

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Jenna Stacy6:23 PM

Thank you Sarah!

Jenna Brandon6:23 PM

Thank you for sharing this perspective, Sarah!🙏

Kathryn Person6:23 PM

@David, this is one of the main issues around the district's mandates. There has been little flexibility for local implementation and (financial) support is limited to what the district would like to provide.

Sarah Roberts6:24 PM

Sorry, I mean that the benefit doesn't outweigh the risk.

Kathleen Hurley6:25 PM

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Lloy B Johnston6:25 PM

Thank you, Ally

Kyla Klein6:27 PM

Sorry I have to leave for a different meeting, please publicize the results of the meeting! Thanks to everyone.

Kathleen Hurley6:27 PM

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Faris Owenah6:29 PM

Why this meeting didn't take place before we have to choose between hybrid learning and virtual learning and the other things do we have a Option to opt out of we Chosen earlier

Amanda Bevacqua6:29 PM

I'm so sorry for your loss, Aaron.

Sarah Ahmad-Myers6:29 PM

I am so sorry for your lost Aaron.

Johanna Fernandez6:29 PM

So sorry for your loss

Jeffrey Oliveira6:29 PM

Aaron you and the custodial team do an amazing job making Peterson shine with the resources CPS gives you - thank you for all your hard work!

Carmen Rodriguez6:29 PM

Aaron, I'm so sorry to hear of the losses in your family. Please receive my condolences and thanks for your thoughtful comments.

Ryan Kinney6:29 PM

@David: I think the our Peterson teachers have been creating the creative solutions you are requesting on a daily basis throughout remote learning. We have had the opportunity to experience online learning with Mr. Golub, Mr. Oliveira, Mr. Rosales, and Ms. LeTempt, and I want to applaud the creativity they have displayed in engaging our students and creating community online.

Kathryn Person6:29 PM

Aaron - appreciate what you are doing. My condolences.

Michael Golub6:29 PM

We appreciate you Aaron!!!! Sorry for you loss.

Ashley Riggio6:29 PM

Aaron, I am so sorry for your loss.

David Wetzel6:29 PM

Go Zola!

Norma Morales6:30 PM

Aaron, thank you for sharing. I am sorry for your loss.

myriam !6:30 PM

Does this need to be a binary discussion? If the LSC makes a statement couldn't it be nuanced?

Claudia Tejada6:30 PM
Aaron, sorry for your loss
Svetlana Vasilev6:30 PM
Sorry for your losses Aaron!
Kathryn Person6:30 PM
@Faris - you still can opt out of learning at school. You can't reverse the decision the other way now, until Q3.
That is my understanding.
Marshante Beverly6:30 PM
So sorry for your loss Aaron!
Aaron Jemison6:30 PM
Thank you
Carrie Martens6:30 PM
Proud of you Zola!
barbara salatin6:30 PM
Thank you for sharing Aaron! Sorry for your loss:(
Kulsoom Chaudhry6:30 PM
Thank you Zola
Erin Hagan6:30 PM
Thank you Zola!
Nicole Flores6:30 PM
Condolences Aaron.
Kathleen Hurley6:31 PM
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Nicole Flores6:31 PM
Zola way to speak up and use your voice!
Kulsoom Chaudhry6:31 PM
I'm sorry Aron
Marshante Beverly6:31 PM
Thank you for sharing Zola!!
Nydia Rodriguez6:31 PM
Very well spoken Zola!
Lloy B Johnston6:31 PM
Thankyou, Zola!
Abby M. Z.6:31 PM
Sorry for your loss Aaron.
Amy Lund6:31 PM
I'm so sorry Aaron.
Kathryn Person6:31 PM
Wonderful job Zola!
Svetlana Vasilev6:32 PM
Nicely said Zola!
Abby M. Z.6:32 PM
Good job Zola!
Kirsten Havens6:32 PM
I am so very sorry for your losses, Aaron.
Celia Bergman6:32 PM
Thanks, Zola.
Stephanie Thill6:32 PM
Way to go Zola:)
Jeffrey Oliveira6:32 PM
My condolences as well Aaron.
Kathryn Person6:32 PM
@Myriam - it seems to me that the resolution can address concerns with the safety plan as it relates to the CIWP. It doesn't mean that the resolution has to take a stand against ever reopening. Different schools have given different takes on their concerns. Also, best wishes for your daughter and family. My son is also an emerging reader.
Kathleen Hurley6:33 PM
Yalil- do you mind pressing Present so the slides are larger?
Carmen Rodriguez6:35 PM

This is based on survey responses, yes?

Kathleen Hurley6:36 PM

This is based on what families reported as their official choice, either the CPS survey or via phone

Carmen Rodriguez6:36 PM

Thank you.

Gabriel Whitson6:36 PM

Is there a returning student breakdown by grade level?

Philip Kaplan6:37 PM

Got another meeting, sorry. Thank you Peterson community!

Allison Tierney Halvorsen6:39 PM

I think I forgot to add that I think even being masked and distanced in a class with their peers will be a benefit to these kids who are so isolated, and I think is being underestimated (which was most of my point 🙄).

David Wetzel6:39 PM

^^ This

Amanda Bevacqua6:41 PM

@gabriel, i would be interested in this as well

Jennifer Barnes6:43 PM

Gabe - if you check out the Mask Distribution tracker, you can see which students in which homeroom have opted for remote learning or hybrid learning.

Kathryn Person6:43 PM

A genuine question: Have pre-K teachers been offered and provided paid time for this "simultaneous teaching" professional development?

myriam !6:43 PM

I agree Alli. I forgot to mention this in my comment but my toddler and kindergartener have been masked and socially distanced at their multi-classroom, large daycare center since June and FWIW it's working great. The kids honestly don't even notice. my K kid doesn't get any human interaction though bc she's plugged into her computer for remote learning all day, with headphones etc, as are all the other kids in her classroom. But they all do great with masks and distancing—even the toddlers!

what is the mask distribution tracker?

Jackie Spinner6:44 PM

Where is the Mask Distribution Tracker?

Rachel Marion6:44 PM

This may be a teacher tool

since we are in charge of distributing

Amanda Bevacqua6:45 PM

@myriam, my understanding is that, unfortunately, your k student will have a similar experience at school...being plugged in with headphones on all day.

Kathleen Hurley6:45 PM

that mask distribution tracker is an internal document to ensure that all hybrid students receive reusable masks

Jennifer Barnes6:45 PM

Sorry! Myriam & Jackie -- it was sent to Peterson teachers.

Jackie Spinner6:45 PM

✓

Carrie Martens6:48 PM

Will students be assigned to different/new teachers?

myriam !6:48 PM

@amanda wouldn't they be sitting at desks in the classroom? why would they be on computers in the classroom?

A Garcia6:49 PM

That is my understanding also, that they will be on computers also, in the classroom.

David Balsley6:50 PM

Our daughter chose the remote option for herself because at that time, we were told that she was not guaranteed to keep her teacher if she chose hybrid

Kathryn Person6:50 PM

@myriam because otherwise there would be multiple adults cycling through their classroom who are exposed to multiple other groups of students. And the teacher will be teaching to kids online as well as the kids in the class, and the teacher has to remain 6 feet away from the kids.

Amanda Bevacqua6:50 PM

@myriam - simultaneous learning. Kids returning to Peterson have recently been told to come pick up a cps issued chromebook if they don't already have one.

Maleeha Mubashiruddin6:50 PM

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AF6qOgs_EjSrGh1FNlYnZlevSV_GjdVrFIQf6hIDA4/edit?usp=sharing

Jeffrey Oliveira6:50 PM

Correct - because we will be teaching both in person and at home simultaneously, activities will need to be accessible to both so it has to be on a device.

Nicholas Earnhart6:51 PM

@myriam because the teachers have to teach everyone simultaneously. They're distributing cps devices for hybrid learners that don't have them for this reason. Maybe admin can confirm.

Kathryn Person6:51 PM

@myriam - it is far from ideal :(

Rachel Marion6:52 PM

Could we address it as pre-k-8? :)

Abby M. Z.6:53 PM

Yes, PreK-8

Munisa Patel6:53 PM

Maleeha- can you please share the draft again? Thanks

Kathryn Person6:53 PM

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AF6qOgs_EjSrGh1FNlYnZlevSV_GjdVrFIQf6hIDA4/edit?usp=sharing

Munisa Patel6:53 PM

Thank you

Lloy B Johnston6:54 PM

I agree with those points as well.

David Wetzel6:55 PM

Once again, will students have the same teachers as now? I have a 7th grader

Jamie Rivas6:56 PM

David that has not been decided yet.

Lloy B Johnston6:56 PM

Strong point, Kathleen

Kathryn Person6:56 PM

@David - at present, it is my understanding that there is no guarantee. My pre-K at Budlong was reassigned to a new teacher. That is only anecdotal however and refers to a different building.

Gabriel Whitson6:57 PM

Agreed

Lloy B Johnston6:58 PM

Yes!

Nicholas Earnhart7:01 PM

When will you survey those who selected hybrid to confirm they are actually returning?

Kathleen Hurley7:04 PM

Yes, families who chose hybrid will receive a Peterson specific survey. This will also help inform Pod A vs Pod B designations and ensure family needs are met as best as possible.

myriam !7:04 PM

I wish the surveys had included any room for nuance/alternate considerations. For example, what if K-2 returned but the rest stayed home. What if opt-out kids were matched with opt-out teachers to allow the slightly smaller pool of in person kids and teachers to go in small pods full-week.

Seems like a lot of the criticism of the reopening plan is more truthfully criticism of the hybrid learning model.

Rachel Marion7:05 PM

very true myriam

Faris Owenah7:05 PM

As a parents I think we should get educated about the reopening before we giving the choice of choosing between in person learning and hybrid learning not the other way around

Kristen Hunter7:05 PM

Agreed

Kathryn Person7:06 PM

@myriam, good points. I think that is what has brought so many people to be against this current plan because it's not about an alternative approach, as alternative approaches have NOT been allowed in their plan.

Allison Tierney Halvorsen7:06 PM

Any chance the link for the letter could be shared again? Got kicked off momentarily.

Kathryn Person7:06 PM

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AF6qOgs_EjSrGh1FNlYnZlevSV_GjdVrFIQf6hIDA4/edit?usp=sharing

myriam !7:06 PM

Also, if we stay fully closed, what are the metrics for reopening then? We won't have critical vaccination mass till maybe even 2022.

A Garcia7:07 PM

Parents opted in without knowing the details of what they were opting into.

Ryan Kinney7:07 PM

Thank you everyone. We have to get back to our childcare routine.

myriam !7:07 PM

Does it make sense to issue a letter of dissent if our school is at 50-50 return? Shouldn't we more rightfully issue a letter of caution or concern?

oh, jinx !

Nicholas Earnhart7:07 PM

But we don't really know those 50% will return

Kathryn Person7:07 PM

@myriam - those are CPS metrics, so I would encourage you to look at their multi document plan. the district has changed their metrics from a positivity rate + # of new cases to now an issue of doubling time.

myriam !7:08 PM

right I guess i'm saying, if Peterson wants to dissent/propose alternate metrics from CPS. sorry, i didn't make that clear

Kristen Hunter7:08 PM

Is this still a time when non-members can still speak?

Nicholas Earnhart7:09 PM

Also it is likely based on this meeting that many families who opted for hybrid do not understand what hybrid really looks like.

Rachel Marion7:09 PM

I think the urgency of the letter is that preschool teachers start on Monday

Carmen Rodriguez7:10 PM

The period for public comment has ended, this is now the LSC discussion which is restricted to current active members.

Celia Bergman7:10 PM

Do we have data to show how many families at Peterson with diverse learners want to go hybrid vs remote?

LUCA COLELLA7:11 PM

It was shared earlier. I think it was about 60 electing for remote and in the 50s for choosing hybrid. Not positive though

Kirsten Havens7:11 PM

There was absolutely no information available regarding the reopening plan when we were asked to chose hybrid vs remote *except* that if you opted out, you could not change your mind. Given that, I would assume the %s are not going to be 50/50 when school reopens

Kathryn Person7:11 PM

@Celia - Ms. Nieves showed them earlier. It's almost exactly 50%/50% for the school as well as subgroups.

Celia Bergman7:11 PM

Thanks. I had to step away for a bit and must have missed that. Appreciate the info.

Stephanie Thill7:11 PM

@Nicholas, we have discussed this as a staff because we are super concerned that some families truly dont understand and are not clear about what this will look like. We are working to create a day in the life so that it can be more clear.

Sarah Smith7:12 PM

The numbers were about 48 hybrid and 51 remote.

Abby M. Z.7:12 PM

51.8% choose remote. 48.2% choose hybrid

451 students chose remote learning. 419 students chose hybrid

Sarah Smith7:12 PM

The teacher survey results were Do you feel safe returning to the building?

Yes - 3

No - 53

Sarah Lammie7:14 PM

Rebuilding trust between CPS and its teachers is a huge point. Well said.

Rachel Marion7:15 PM

Thank you for being aware of the urgency

Gabriel Whitson7:15 PM

It seems to me that most folks really want to return to the building, but are worried that the current plan is unsafe and poorly thought out. Perhaps our letter should address the lack of detail to the current plan, and what we would need to feel safe returning.

Kathryn Person7:15 PM

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Rachel Marion7:16 PM

Thank you 🙏

myriam !7:18 PM

I will say that more specifics about exactly what has been done to address airborne pathogens would be helpful—such as a video walkthrough showing how many windows are and will be operable, where the fans/filters are, what the classroom setup specifically looks like, etc

Carmen Rodriguez7:18 PM

Power to amplify voices is a worthwhile one, I applaud our and other LSCs for using their platforms to provide that benefit to their communities.

myriam !7:19 PM

That would be a big help to folks trying to visualize what this is going to look like. Also I've read the district reopening plan multiple times and never saw that the kids will be on laptops inside the room. It would help if someone at Peterson had the time to make a specific guide to "this is what reopening will look like at Peterson"

Kathryn Person7:21 PM

@Myriam - apparently the district is now just giving training to administration on best practices of simultaneous learning (based on what Ms. Nieves said in her report). So understand that admin is not getting information much faster than the public.

Amanda Bevacqua7:22 PM

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Kathleen Hurley7:25 PM

Jeremy - you're frozen

Sarah Smith7:26 PM

Is there a way that staff and teacher reps can give a voice to the staff teachers of Peterson in this letter?

Megan Fair7:26 PM

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Rachel Marion7:27 PM

I second what Sarah says

Veronica Hetler7:27 PM

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Jenna Stacy7:27 PM

^ agree!

Emily Gandolfi7:27 PM

I also agree with what Sarah Smith just suggested.

Rachel Mendes7:27 PM

Agreed!

Kathryn Person7:27 PM

And I ask that the parents reps also make sure they honor the parents that spoke, that care enough to have been here and spoken up.

Stephanie Thill7:28 PM

Yes Eric!

Erik*

Jeffrey Oliveira7:29 PM

Both.

Carrie Martens7:29 PM

Both

Megan Fair7:29 PM

both

Carrie Martens7:29 PM

No trust

Emily Gandolfi7:30 PM

Both, and no clear vaccination schedule for teachers

Jeffrey Oliveira7:30 PM

Teacher's children allowed to be in multiple pods.

Abby M. Z.7:30 PM

Both

Sarah Lammie7:31 PM

And we are a helper profession. How do we not open a milk for a hungry child? Zip a coat when we go outside for recess on a cold day? Help clean up a spilled lunch when the kid doesn't have their mask on because it's lunch. How do we safely do those things for our youngest learners?

Kathleen Hurley7:32 PM

Robert's Rules says you can yield your floor time to a guest when not in public comment

Carrie Martens7:32 PM

Virtual teaching while in person teaching makes the teaching we can/will offer much weaker, as we can't give our best in both places at the same time.

Allison Tierney Halvorsen7:32 PM

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Megan Fair7:33 PM

I agree with what Carrie said

Sarah Roberts7:33 PM

I would feel more comfortable returning after vaccination.

Grace Lowrance7:34 PM

Yes Carrie

Jennifer Barnes7:34 PM

Yes Carrie & Sarah!

Kathryn Person7:34 PM

That last minute information is by design. CPS info drop 5pm on Friday

Sara Skaggs7:34 PM

Agreed Sarah Roberts

Carrie Martens7:34 PM

Vaccinations are on the horizon. I agree with Sarah that it would make sense to hold off a bit more.

Jennifer Barnes7:34 PM

@Kathryn right as winter break starts...

Megan Fair7:35 PM

Vaccinations are huge!

Emily Gandolfi7:35 PM

I would also feel more comfortable returning after vaccination, and I agree with Carrie--asking teachers to teach to two different audiences that require two different methods of engagement will necessarily decrease the quality of our instruction.

David Wetzel7:36 PM

if you're waiting for vaccinations, you are waiting until fall

Carrie Martens7:37 PM

Yes Stephanie!

Brian Bochenek7:37 PM

Right now I can spend a full hour with my diverse learners and EL students. Once hybrid begins, my time will be split. That means less opportunity for guided practice and feedback. Class communities will be split. Because in person learners shouldn't be on the computer, then they can no longer contribute to the same class discussions. From a pedagogy standpoint, this makes very little sense.

Kathryn Person7:39 PM

But it seems that there is no money to support keeping kids in their same homeroom if it comes at extra cost. So there is no financial backing to make it happen, just the possibility that it can be worked out within the same budget.

Jamie Rivas7:39 PM

Well said, Brian.

Brian Bochenek7:40 PM

Thanks Jamie!

Carmen Rodriguez7:40 PM

The LSC's role ties most closely to precisely what Mr. Bochenek's comment provides - if the hybrid learning plan contradicts the goals of the CIWP either the plan must be modified or the LSC can register its complaint on perfectly reasonable grounds.

Jenise C7:42 PM

Very well said, Kathleen.

barbara salatin7:42 PM

Well said Ms. Hurley!

Nicholas Earnhart7:43 PM

Thank you Kathleen!

Brian Bochenek7:45 PM

We've waited this long - why now? They also picked a return to school day the week before the end of Q2. What sense does that make? Since rosters will have to be changed, this means there are all sorts of messy issues this will create in our e-gradebook system. Right Chuck? Are all those grades going to transition to our new new hybrid roster gradebooks with one week of instruction to go?

Jeffrey Oliveira7:45 PM

^^ hello!

Nicholas Earnhart7:46 PM

aspen nightmare

Grace Lowrance7:46 PM

^^

Sarah Smith7:46 PM

It is concerning that there are still so many unanswered questions and concerns but students are expected to return on Monday.

Stephanie Thill7:46 PM

Yalil and Craig, we appreciate all that you do and we know you are working really hard to make this work! We all know that Peterson is the exception and not the norm!

Jeffrey Oliveira7:46 PM

Yeah what Stephanie said - please know this is not a reflection of admin at our school.

Veronica Hetler7:47 PM

Much appreciation goes out to the members of this tremendous community at Peterson. An especially big thank you to the staff and teachers.

Martha Hindaileh7:49 PM

Peterson's admin is doing an amazing job with all of the many things that are being put on them, often last minute. I also appreciate the transparency and desire to hear and respond to all stakeholders.

Sara Skaggs7:50 PM

I fear for my health

Sara Skaggs7:52 PM

mental and physical

Sarah Lammie7:52 PM

Yes, Deters, YES!!!!

Brian Bochenek7:52 PM

^^^Speaking as someone who is still recovering from the effects of covid, 6 weeks later, I can certainly understand the concern!

Rachel Marion7:52 PM

I'm so sorry Brian

Megan Fair7:53 PM

Sara, I agree physical and MENTAL health are a concern

Barbara Nordlund7:54 PM

This meeting is such a great reflection of Peterson - giving space for all voices (even those not here tonight). Thank you to all who have spoken. Wish the district was on this call tonight. ;)

Amanda Bevacqua7:54 PM

^^this

Sarah Lammie7:54 PM

Agreed <3

Carrie Martens7:55 PM

Remote learning is not perfect, but it is working. We lose a lot of momentum and learning time when we go back - with the fear that we could go back to remote if cases of Covid rise again.

Stephanie Thill7:55 PM

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Munisa Patel7:55 PM

Exactly Barbara! My concern is that this letter will not have a huge effect on the district. Wish there was more we can do for our teachers.

Kathryn Person7:56 PM

It seems to me if we don't know the answers to these questions, we are not ready to reopen. Period.

Jamie Rivas7:57 PM

Carrie- you read my mind!

Renee Cunningham7:58 PM

There is a lot of shame attached to self reporting.

Brian Bochenek8:02 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to speak!

Rachel Marion8:02 PM

Thank you for listening to us and our concerns.

Sarah Lammie8:02 PM

Thank you for listening

Amanda Bevacqua8:03 PM

I really want to thank the LSC, admin, educators, and families for sharing their thoughts and working together to find a way to represent Peterson's voice.

Carmen Rodriguez8:03 PM

Thanks, everyone.

Michele Herro8:03 PM

Thank you LSC, for the thought and care you are putting into this. It is very reasonable for you to ask CPS to do better, and I appreciate you using your platform to do so.

Sarah Roberts8:03 PM

Thank you for including me as part of your community.

Jennifer Barnes8:04 PM

Thank you my Peterson family!

Scott Trinter8:04 PM

Another thank you for everyone doing the hard work and putting your names on the letter that speaks for your whole community.

Jamie Rivas8:08 PM

Our LSC is a wonderful group of classy individuals:-) thank you!

Munisa Patel8:08 PM

Thank you LSC, teachers, parents and admin for sharing and having this discussion.

Abby M. Z.8:08 PM

Thank you

Catherine Korda8:08 PM

Thank you LSC!

Sarah Smith8:08 PM

Thank you

Nicole Flores8:08 PM

Thank you LSC!

Jenna Stacy8:08 PM

Thank you everyone!

Megan Fair8:08 PM

thank you!

Rachel Bramley8:08 PM

Thank you! We appreciate you!

Martha Mulligan8:08 PM

Thank you!

Lynda Gibson8:08 PM

Thank you

Norma Morales8:08 PM

Thank you

Marshante Beverly8:08 PM

Thank you!

Yasmin Rihani8:08 PM

Thank you!

barbara salatin8:08 PM

Thank you everyone!

Grace Lowrance8:08 PM

Thank you all the letter is amazing.

Sara Skaggs8:08 PM

Thank you!

Nicholas Earnhart8:08 PM

Thank you everyone!