



Meeting Minutes
MVCS PTA January Member Meeting
February 16, 2021
7:30-8:30 PM via Zoom

- I. Welcome from PTA President, Kelly Chmielewski
 - A. Thank you to everyone who joined the valentines dance. We had over 70 families participate. The kids enjoyed seeing teachers and friends out of the classroom setting.
- II. PTA Business
 - A. Approved Minutes from the January meeting
 - B. Treasurer's report
 1. Fill in patric's slides
 - C. The PTA is putting together a calendar of virtual activities for spring break that will be free for all families.
- III. School Reopening Updates from Principal Burrell -- Kelly Chmielewski asked the most common questions we have received from MVCS parents. We will put all of the answers in writing in a broader FAQ document. We will also share the ACPS FAQ document. The questions largely fell in 4 categories: logistics, student experience, facilities, and summer/next year. For this meeting we focused on the first three categories because Principal Burrell does not yet have guidance from ACPS on summer and the fall.
 - A. Logistics Questions
 1. How do I confirm what I submitted in the return to school survey?
Families will receive an email from the division about 2 weeks prior to return to school that confirms their choice. You can also call school. You can also check your powerschool account. If you didn't submit the form in December then you are automatically enrolled in virtual.
 2. How many MVCS teachers are returning and how will I know if my teacher will be in person? We will be getting more information when we get the email from ACPS. Principal Burrell cannot tell us now which teachers will come back and which will remain virtual.
 3. What types of supports will each teacher have in the classroom? Will classrooms have paraprofessionals? What's the role of the classroom

monitors? Classroom monitors are not teachers. This is on the ACPS website. We all need to remember that school will look different in a hybrid model. Additionally, because of safety and health measures, there can only be one adult in each classroom.

- a) Classroom monitor information from ACPS --
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3633>
 - b) Additional ACPS reopening information --
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3491>
4. What about special education and adults who usually “push into” the classroom for special education services? At this point special ed is virtual. Information was shared with families.
 5. What kind of professional development is available to teachers who may struggle more with the digital aspect of virtual school? Sessions available next week with additional resources on what it will be like to be teaching in a hybrid model.

B. Questions on Student Experience

1. Will kids who are in the same class remain together in the hybrid model? Will they remain with their same teacher pairs? In most cases kids will stay with their same class and same teacher.
2. Will siblings go on the same days for hybrid? At this point they are doing everything they can to keep siblings on the same day.
3. How many students are allowed in each classroom? They expect 9-10 kids per room. Some of the smallest rooms will have 5.
4. Where will kids eat lunch? What will recess look like? Every single school is creating simulation plans that will include visuals so families can better understand what the day will look like. Kids will eat lunch in the classroom. Recess won't look normal. The kids can't play on the equipment. There will be activities that promote movement.
5. Will kids switch between Spanish and English classes? Will they go to encore? Encore will be virtual. Even if encore teachers are able to return, their classes will still be virtual.
6. How will kids with differentiated learning plans be accommodated? How will tag be accommodated? Kids will be receiving their instruction in the classrooms where they will be. There will not be movement from classroom to classroom.

C. Facilities

1. What's the update on air circulation? The HVAC system has been carefully and thoroughly checked.
 - a) ACPS facilities document from the chat --
<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/cms/lib/VA01918616/Centricity/Domain/802/ACPS%20HVAC%20FAQ.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3mgFfgTHL3Qugv3nMRfOomY95lfthqKGS6zfpV7gzavSX8nSJFWedNqwE>
 - b) HVAC FAQ: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3629>
2. How often will the building be deep cleaned and what will that look like? The building will be deep cleaned on a daily basis. Cleaning will also happen throughout the day.

a) Health and Safety Measures FAQ:

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3498>

b) Safety measures FAQ: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/3634>

D. Other Questions from participants

1. How many students do we have now? We currently have 838 students. Normally we have 900. In a hybrid model we will have 200 students per day.
2. Any updates on summer school? Not yet
3. After phase 2 implementation, can we get guidance on when school will open as normal? We don't have that information.
4. Can kids go outside for recess? We are still waiting on additional guidance from ACPS.
5. What will classrooms look like? Will the virtual kids be seen on a big screen? Where will the teacher appear if he/she is virtual? How will virtual kids hear teachers that are wearing masks? Families will be getting a simulation that better illustrates what the day will look like.

E. Questions from the chat that weren't answered

1. Mr Mazur made it clear that if students were not taking a bite of food they must have their mask on. Is it the same for elementary?
2. Will there be plexiglass around each desk?
3. Any updates about "recovery services"? Are teachers and staff getting surveyed currently for summer services?
4. Will teachers teaching in the classrooms to their virtual students be speaking through masks? Will they have additional microphones?
5. How are teachers planning to do small groups in a hybrid environment? What will that look like for kids in the building vs. kids at home?
6. are teachers going to have more entry points for returning? For example, if they are virtual because their kids are home with virtual school but then their school re-opens, is it possible teachers will come back a month into the new schedule even if they don't start out in person? or is it an all or nothing?
7. If kids are supposed to stay at their desk, what will PE encore look like?