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Our speaker today was fellow Rotarian **Paul Imhoff**, Superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools. Paul shared a slide presentation. He thanked the club for the support of the summer lunch assistance program.

Paul started with an update of the facilities plan. Completed projects include Greensview, Tremont, Wickliffe and the Barrington addition. Ongoing work in the existing Barrington building will be completed in time for the Fall, 2021 school year. The high school will be completed next summer. The coming winter months will be used to finish the interior of the building. We saw pictures of each of these projects. Video tours are available at uaschools.org/facilities. He reiterated that the building program is on time and on budget.

The coronavirus situation was the second portion of Paul's remarks. He thanked not only the staff and students but also the parents and grandparents throughout the community for the sacrifices they have made in these challenging times.

The current hybrid model features half of the students present in school each day on a 3-2 / 2-3 schedule. Half of the students attend on Monday and Tuesday and half attend on Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays find the groups alternating each week. Prior to this hybrid model, which was just implemented recently, all students were completely online.

Another alternative for students is to attend the UA online academy which features full time remote learning for the entire first semester. If and when students return full time this fall those students in the online academy will remain online for the duration. There are currently 900 students in the online academy and 5,300 in the hybrid program.

When the transition is finally made to go to all students in school every day the social distancing requirement will be reduced to three feet from the current six feet guidance. All other safety protocols will remain in place.

The current total enrollment in the schools is down 76 students from the prior year. This drop is due to a drop in kindergarten enrollment as parents deferred enrolling children until the virus situation improves and also until full-day kindergarten kicks in next year.

In response to the point that more local data should be used to make decisions about opening schools the UA School District formed a partnership with Ohio State's School of Public Health. Ohio State's CATS System for Schools is designed to provide school districts with the necessary local data to help make good attendance decisions. Since UA joined with OSU several other districts – including Grandview, New Albany and Westerville - have joined the project. The project provides an accurate look at data from within an individual school district's footprint.

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Data trends in the area are very positive in Franklin County. As of this meeting in Franklin County the rolling two-week average was 121 cases per 100,000 population. Two weeks ago the number was 153. The CDC looks for a number at 100 or below. Currently, localized UA data show the number at 78 which is very good news. As recently as three weeks ago the UA number was 151. The positivity rate for testing is now under 5% for the county which, again, is very good news.

As the schools move forward they are continuing to meet with medical advisors every Thursday. The advisory board is comprised of professionals who deal with infectious diseases as part of their career and who actually deal with COVID. Given the current positive progress on the data Paul is optimistic about a potential return to classrooms five-days-a-week. Decisions about returning to school five days per week will be based on science, local data and medical experts – not on a community survey. Any such decision about returning to classrooms full time will ultimately be made by the school board.

An extensive Q&A session followed Paul's presentation. Here are some points...

There are unisex bathrooms in all of the new buildings. They include completely private bathroom stalls with shared sinks and mirrors. There has been some concern about this arrangement and every effort is being made to assure proper safety and hygiene.

Routine in-school virus testing is not in the current plans but would be entertained as testing becomes more available.

The question of adding a child psychologist to the medical advisory board is on the district's agenda.

One possible take-away from the adjustments schools have been forced to make might be continued offering of a full-time online academy after the pandemic ends.

STAR testing results in math and reading will ultimately show whether the students' academic performance has suffered as a result of the pandemic. There is not enough current data to make that determination at this point.

COVID safety procedures and changes have been very expensive not only in UA but in school districts throughout the state.



THE MEETING



President **Debbie Johnson** called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. She asked **Tim Kellogg** to deliver the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visiting Rotarians

Jim Lynch and **Scott Cubberly** were visiting. Assistant District Governor **Wolf Lant** was also with us.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Debbie noted that we will be refurbishing the Miller Park gazebo on Saturday morning October 17 from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. Contact **Joe Ayers** if you would like to help out.

The next two meetings (October 6 and October 13) will be via Zoom only.

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WELCOME FUTURE ROTARIANS

We would like to congratulate two of our members and their families on the birth of their sons this week.

Congratulations to Eric Stoll and his wife Jacque on the arrival of James Oliver Stoll born on 9/25/20 (8 lbs 1 oz, 20.5") Ollie and mommy are both doing well.

Congratulations also to Paul Germain and his wife Sarah Jane on the arrival of Thomas Gordon Germain. Gordy was born on 9/29/20 (6 lbs, 14 oz, 21") and is reported to have a very full head of hair. Please also congratulate Glen Dugger and remind Grandpa Glen to bring his check book to the next Rotary meeting for a donation to the Rotary Grandparents Fund!"