

Town of Collins Public Library Board of Trustees – Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes: Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 3:30 pm

Held via GoToMeeting: Present: Director Abbie Barten-McGowan, President Holly Martindale, Trustees Barb Ferro, Edith Schell

1. Call to order at 3:30 pm.
2. Updates
 - We cancelled meetings since 1/13/22 because there were no changes to discuss.
 - The group discussed via email the removal of indoor mask requirement for library, and agreed to remove it as of 3/1/2022, in line with Erie County changes.
 - Metrics: Rates of cases in Collins and Gowanda have been very low, Abbie has been monitoring them weekly.
 - Abbie noted the rate of vaccination in Collins zip code (14034) remains at 41.5% for ages 20+ as of the last reported numbers (3/19/2022). (Collins, Gowanda, and Collins Center are 3 of the 5 worst zip codes in the county.) Abbie continues to monitor the rates.
3. Review of safety and reopening plans and any updated state guidance.
 - Watching for changes, Abbie suggests that the mask requirement automatically return if either Erie or Cattaraugus County is returned to a red level for CDC standards or any other mandates. Abbie will monitor for these changes. The group agreed
 - Bathrooms: The group discussed current bathroom procedures, and decided to return to how it was handled before the pandemic.
 - Computers: the group discussed current computer procedures and decided to return to pre-COVID procedures.
 - Children's toys: the group discussed what was done before COVID, and Abbie's ideas for rotating toys. The Friends of the Library is interested in purchasing new toys for the library. Abbie will do some rearranging of the children's area.
 - Programs: Abbie talked to the group about increasing participant limits and programs resuming (Sr. Movie, Storytimes, Egg Hunt). She's planning some outreach in the community. We are still considering what to do about some of our other programs, some things are related more to staffing than safety.
4. Meeting adjournment at 3:47.