

Special Board Meeting

Saturday August 8, 2020 10:00 a.m.

We serve a diverse student body to succeed in a rigorous college preparatory program. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills to achieve in college, to contribute positively to society, and to be accepting of all people.

Clarification

Rich Holst announced an in person meeting of the Board was not possible due to the COVID pandemic. The meeting will take place via Zoom with votes counted by roll call via the Recording Secretary.

Call to Order The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rich Holst at 10:01 am

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Rich Holst

Attendance

Members present: Rich Holst, Alexandra Howes, Phil Jemielita (11:01 am), Andrew Ng, Elizabeth Neilson, Betsy Mowry Voss, Tina Haarbusch, Tim Becken, and Doris Espelien. *Others in attendance:* Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Janet White, TCA Reading Interventionist, and Erin Spector, Recording Secretary

Approval of Agenda

Lueth says the agenda needs to be amended to remove the Approval of Minutes section. A motion to approve the amended agenda made by Ng, second by Howes. No discussion. By a roll call vote with 9 yes votes, motion carried.

Public Comments (each member of the public has 5 minutes to speak) None

New Business

Review and Discussion of Twin Cities Academy Reopening Plan 2020-2021-• Lueth discusses details of reopening plan under Phase 2 after input from TCA community and after looking at other districts plans. Proceeds to review a PDF document detailing each of the 5 phases that TCA can move between. Admin is looking at the number of reported Covid cases not just at the county level but also for the surrounding neighborhood of TCA. Moving between phases will need flexibility. Proceeds to detail more day to day specifics of block schedule, social distancing at school, disinfecting protocols, mask requirements, Parent/Guardian Agreement that will be sent to families. Lueth says TCA calendar will need to be updated, and approved by the board at a later August meeting. Lueth explains that the majority of families did not want their kids in school. Becken has concerns about if school doesn't hear from certain kids who might be struggling. That it might be challenging to keep up with kids during online learning. Holst supports Phase 2 as opposed to Phase 1. Haarbusch feels the plan is solid and the block schedule is a good idea. Holst thanks all for work and feels optimistic about the plan overall.

Action Items

• Adoption of Reopening Plan Resolution - A motion to adopt the 2020 Reopening Plan Resolution made by Mowry Voss, second by Jemielita. No discussion. By a roll call vote with 9 yes votes, motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am by Holst.