



**Thursday, January 28, 2021
5:00 pm**

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, and to be accepting of all people.

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Rich Holst at 5:04 pm

Declaration of Virtual Meeting

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.

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Rich Holst

Attendance

Members present: Rich Holst, Andrew Ng, Phil Jemielita, Elizabeth Neilson, Tim Becken, Alexandra Howes, Tina Haarhusch, Betsy Mowry Voss, Yonathan Tadese (student rep)

Members absent: Doris Espelien

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Janet White, TCA Reading Specialist; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Jemielita and seconded by Haarhusch. Discussion: None By a roll call vote with 8 yes votes, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mowry Voss and seconded by Howes. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 8 yes votes, motion passed.

Public Comments

None

Action Items

- **IRT Proposal of Metrics and Reopening Plan** – IRT members Ng and Holst present metrics based on CDC and MDE guidelines along with mitigation efforts required to move to hybrid. Metrics were also shared with staff and families, with 76% of staff comfortable with decision making metrics and 70% of families based on survey data. Metrics would need to be maintained for five weeks, and mitigation efforts would need to be in place to reopen to Phase 3. Timing on when to announce reopening was discussed. Lueth continues to review learning model metrics, mitigation efforts in the school, and related details. Tentative timeline reflects monitoring the case rate and positivity rate and that they

both will need to stay steady for 2 weeks. If that occurs, meeting on February 8th, and tentative start would be March 1. If any of the conditions are not met or numbers change, then TCA will pause and go back to Phase 2. Lueth proceeds to describe that the hope is 25% of staff will be vaccinated by this next Sunday, January 31st if all goes the same with vaccine roll out and availability. A motion to adopt the TCA Learning Model. Holst asks for a Motion to adopt the TCA Learning Model. Jemielita makes motion and second by Haarhusch. By a roll call vote with 8 yes votes, motion passes.

- Discussion ensues about the need for additional board approval to move to hybrid even if the metrics are achieved per the originally approved Safe Learning Plan model in August of 2020. Jemielita leaves the meeting at 6:00 pm.

December Financials

- Lueth reviews details of \$500,000 funding from COVID Relief Funds. Things are good overall because of that aid. Howes makes motion to accept December financials, seconded by Neilson. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 8 yes votes, motion passed.

Policy 427 - Special Education Workloads Policy

- Lueth reviews details. Mowry makes motion to accept Policy 427, seconded by Ng. Discussion: none. By a roll call with 8 yes votes, motion passed.

New Business

- **Educator Vaccine Update** - The hope is that by the 3rd week of March all staff will be vaccinated. So far, 25% of staff have received 1st shot. There are no “incentives” to get shot. Becken suggests that might be something to look at.

Old Business

- **Cyber Security Updates** - Lueth is getting updated quotes. Currently there is \$100K coverage. Syand is working on increased protections. Certificate of Insurance is needed from Syand.
- **IRT Update** - Already covered.

Committee Reports

- **Governance:** Didn't meet last month.
- **Finance:** Already reviewed
- **Principal/Executive Director:** Already reviewed
- **Teacher Reports:** Howes says all good. Ng thanks IRT, Neilson notes that the yearbook ends in March and that online learning is better now later in the year.

Adjourn

6:31 pm by Holst