



**Thursday, February 25,
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 Andrew Ng in the absence of Rich Holst, Board Chair, at 5:01 pm

Declaration of Virtual Meeting

Andrew Ng 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 Andrew Ng

Attendance

Members present: Andrew Ng, Phil Jemielita, Elizabeth Neilson, Tim Becken, Alexandra Howes, Tina Haarbusch (left at 5:30), Betsy Mowry Voss, Yonathan Tadese (student rep)

Members absent: Rich Holst, Doris Espelien

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Brenda Reedy, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Neilson and second by Jemielita. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jemielita, second by Haarbusch to approve the minutes of the February 8 Special Board Meeting with amended edit of cases per 10,000. Discussion: Ng asked for a correction in the cases per 100,000 to read 10,000. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried with correction.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Haarbusch, second by Neilson. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion passed.

Public Comments

None

Action Items

- **Enrollment Seats Proposal 21-22**
 - Current applications do not exceed proposed numbers (6th—100; 7th—100; 8th—120; 9th—100; 10th—100; 11th—90/75; 12th—70/60) so there will be no lottery held. Discussion ensued regarding whether to limit or open up the adding new 11th and 12th graders. Betsy mentioned that in the past year, adding these grades has gone well. Her recommendation is to go with the 90 and 70 opening spots respectively. Concerns were addressed regarding TCA culture and adding these new students in these grades may be difficult for the culture piece, Ng mentioned that due to distance learning, some culture training may be needed for all students regardless. Howes spoke on the the 11th and 12th graders added this current year has gone well in her class, Neilson said her AP classes are suffering from low enrollment and perhaps adding these two grades may help. It was brought up that part of the mission of TCA is allowing an opportunity for slow learners and this would be in line with that. A motion was made by Howes, second by Neilson to approve the proposed seat for 21-22 with the higher open seats for 11th and 12th grades. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Phase 3 Update**
 - TCA is doing 2 nights and Wednesday sanitizing. Planning week for teachers is February 22-26 and a couple teachers are working from home due to high risk. About 30% of staff have had either 1 or 2 vaccines with the number of vaccines available are up to 40%. TCA will have the new 6th graders visiting this week (2/22-26), 25 on each Monday and Tuesday and 25 on each Thursday and Friday. The first on-site testing went well.

OLD BUSINESS

- **IRT Update**
 - St Paul data as of yesterday, 2/24, 15.38 cases per 10,000 reported by Andrew Ng.

REPORTS

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Governance**—Did not meet but will need to be thinking about board elections.
 - **Finance**—no report.
- **Principal/Executive Director**
 - Covered most items earlier, she is trying to bring some fun and joy into the environment.
- **Parents/Board Members**
 - Ng reported a good number of teachers were confused but more relaxed by the end of the week regarding Planning Week.

Adjourn

5:41 pm by Ng