

Gate City Charter School for the Arts

Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Time: 7:04 pm

Location: Gate City Charter School for the Arts, 7 Henry Clay Rd, Merrimack, NH with remote option

Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Danielle Charest (Chair) -remote

Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)-remote

Neil Mahoney (Parent Rep)-remote

Grace Cavallo-Remote

Absent Board Members:

Rebecca Boutin

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette-remote

Attending Public:

Public Comments/Public Matters

Approval of Minutes will be moved to February Meeting

Committee Reports

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- The PTO held a planning meeting for the rest of the year. We will have a calendar of events posted soon.

Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

PR and Community Relations committee- Sarah Thibeault- No Meeting

Grants Committee- No Meeting

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Facilities Committee- Eric Charest- Eric will be installing the phones soon.

Building Committee-Danielle Charest No Meeting

MOTION (Neil Mahoney/Grace Cavallo) Motion to accept the committee meeting reports was accepted unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting

See directors report.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to accept the finance committee meeting reports was accepted unanimously.

Old Business

New Business

Changes to Covid-19 Policy-

Symptomatic students or staff can be allowed to return to school when one of the following two conditions is met:

1. Person receives an FDA-approved COVID-19 test that is negative, AND the person’s symptoms are improving, and they are fever-free for at least 24 hours off any fever-reducing medications.
 - a. Approved tests include: 1) A PCR-based molecular test. Antigen testing conducted within an appropriate number of days since symptom onset. 2) At-home tests. *A list of approved home test kits can be found [here](#).*

Please note home test kits can only be used on an individual who is experiencing 1 or more symptoms of Covid-19. Per the directions, a symptomatic individual using home test kits should test twice if the first test results read negative. The second test should be completed at least 24 hours after the first at-home test.

When performing a home test follow the complete manufacturer's instructions. Write the name of the symptomatic individual on the test as well as the date and time of test. To submit test results to school, please take a picture in good lighting of results and email to rael@gccs-nh.org.

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2. Person has met CDC criteria for ending of home isolation (i.e., if person is not tested, they are managed assuming they have COVID-19).

Covid-Positive Test Results:

Those receiving positive PCR and antigen test results should:

1. Quarantine for 10 days.
 - a. Covid-positive yet **asymptomatic** individuals seeking to return after a 5-day isolation may do so only after a negative result on an antigen test. **Only asymptomatic and negative testing students will be allowed to return after 5 days.**
2. **Isolate from household members where possible, including separate bathrooms.**

Household Member Quarantine and Isolation

- *If someone is in quarantine and watching for symptoms/has symptoms*, other household members do not need to quarantine unless the quarantined person has a positive test result.
- *If someone is in isolation because they had a positive test result*, everyone in the family not boosted and/or vaccinated should quarantine for 14 days after their last close contact with that person.
- If someone taking care of a person in isolation, cannot keep 6 feet between them or share a restroom, they should begin a 14-day quarantine when the person in their care is done with their 10-day isolation.
- Fully vaccinated and/or boosted people do not need to quarantine after contact with an infected person in their family.
- People who were infected with coronavirus within the previous 3 months, are recovered, and have no symptoms also do not need to quarantine after contact with an infected person in their household.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to accept the a was commended Covid-19 Policy carried unanimously.

Directors Report

Professional Development

- Arts Integrated Conference
- Behaviors based on personality: Meg Thompson

Finance

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- \$10,000 refund from lease overpayment
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- Price Evaluating Payroll companies
- 2019-20 audit still underway
- Anthony Rae volunteering to assist (retired accountant)

Curriculum

- Summer Program 2022

Building Updates

- Working with landlord
 - Signage
 - tenants
- Heating issues addressed

Special Education

- IEP billing up to date

State Reports

- AOY
- Doe 25 Returned: working with the State
- Critical Shortage Survey
- Health education Principal Report

Enrollment

- January 26th Info Session 6:30pm Virtual
- Updating Info Session Video

Covid-19

- Confirmed Current Cases:8
- Remote Days
- Chromebook/Material organization
- Contact Tracing/Exposure Notification
- Updated guidelines
- Remote 3-Week Optional
- Vaccine Clinic the 21st
- School Testing begins 27th and will continue weekly

Staffing Update

- 4th and 5th Math/Science still needed

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- Long-term Substitute advertised
- Addressed critical shortage issues

MOTION (Neil Mahoney/Sarah Thibeault) **Motion** to enter Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3
accepted Unanimously

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) **Motion** to come out of Non-Public Session
Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) **Motion** to seal the minutes of Non-Public Session
Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Sarah Thibeault) **Motion** to adjourn Unanimously accepted.

Next public meeting Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm