

# Gate City Charter School for the Arts

Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

*"The mission of the GCCSA is to use an arts integrated curriculum ... to produce graduates who excel in both academics and the arts and have the knowledge, creativity and inquisitive nature that foster a life-long love of learning."*

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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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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- 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

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Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)

Rebecca Boutin-Remote

Neil Mahoney (Parent Rep)

Grace Cavallo-Remote

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## Attending Public:

Joe Capriotti-remote

Amanda Mckenna-remote

Kristen Capriotti-remote

Mojo Freeman-remote

Joshua Kershaw-remote

Paige Duval-remote

Lynn Rae-remote

Catherine Ellison-remote

Eric Charest

## Public Comments/Public Matters

Joe Capriotti-Asked for the covid policy to be dissolved and for masks to become optional-or asking for the director and BoT members to step down.

Catherine Ellison-Mask mandate is important to her high-risk child. Her children will be returning to school at GCCSA for the first time in a year in a half but might not if the mask mandate is dissolved.

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**MOTION** (Sarah Thibeault/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

Covid Policy-Propose a quarantine change from 10 days to 7 days.

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**MOTION** (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to accept the change to positive testing quarantine guidelines was accepted unanimously.

Masking guidelines-Discussion about the upcoming changing recommendations to optional masking. It was decided that the current policy would stand and would be revisited at the March BoT meeting. However, if in the next 4 weeks transmission is low and recommendations are made masks could become optional. Mrs. Bates will be available to help all students with emotional issues that may come up once masks become optional. Ms. Blanchette will send out an email to the community and offer office hours to discuss and ask questions.

## New Business

### Directors Report

Professional Development

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## Assessment

### I Ready

- Schoolwide testing underway
- Strong literacy reports

### ELL/ACCESS

- Beginning this month

## Covid-19

- Current cases: 2

## Website Update

- <https://gccsanh.org/>

## Staffing Update

- Beginning Staff Evaluations/Next-Year Conversations
- 4th and 5th Math/Science still needed
- Long-term Substitute advertised
- Joy Ingram and Nicholas Giasullo

**MOTION** (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) **Motion** to enter Nonpublic session RSA 91-A:3, II  
(a) Unanimously accepted.

**MOTION** (Neil Mahoney/Sarah Thibeault) **Motion** to leave nonpublic session Unanimously  
accepted.

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

Next public meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM