

THE HEIGHTS CHARTER
(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Kristi Scherbaum called the special meeting of the governing board to order at 4:06 pm. This Board Meeting was held at 2710 Alpine Blvd, Suite E, in Alpine.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

The following members were present at the meeting: Kristi Scherbaum, Monica White, Michelle Lenore, Summer Herrin, Casey Larsen, Kellie Peel, and Debra Cramsie.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESENTATIONS – No presentations scheduled this month.

COMMUNICATIONS (non-agenda items)

Oral Communications – No oral communications at this meeting.

Director's Report – No Director's Report at this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

1. Reviewed/Discussed COVID-19 Protocols Update.

The Board was brought up to date on recent numerous disgruntled parent complaints about COVID-19 mask mandates and testing protocols and The Heights Charter's position on these mandates.

Many of these complaints were sent by emails and by comments on a parent Facebook page. While the reasoning for the masking complaints is understood, the consequences of not complying are not being acknowledged by this particular group. They are also not considering that their complaints are really not effective at the school site level and need to be addressed to contacts at the state level.

A number of school staff have been harassed and bullied by parents and upper grade students on site. This is not acceptable behavior.

Perhaps some of these issues will be aired and/or resolved at the parent meeting that is scheduled on February 9.

Some proactive suggestions to improve the situation include (1) providing links to state assemblymen, senators, etc and where to sign petitions to do away with COVID-19 mandates; (2) improving parent communication which unfortunately has taken a lower priority due to the time needed to maintain COVID-19 recording, tracing, reporting, quarantining tracking, mask policing, etc. (3) finding ways to re-establish the teacher/parent connection by creating a video which highlights that teacher's personality and creativity or spotlighting a classroom or two to feature the current lessons; (4) making kindness a priority for the entire school community, staff, students, and parents.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

The next board meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on Monday, February 28, 2022.

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of The Heights Charter and that these minutes, consisting of one (1) page, are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on February 7, 2022.

Debra Cramsie

Secretary