



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

MADISON, WI

October 3, 2022 @ 7pm -8:30 (Virtual)

Attendees:

Present: Debbie Hemb, Penny Robbins, Jenny Huffman, Laura Chidylo, Coral Manning, Kimberly Aguilera, Elizabeth Klak, Erica Gittings, Andy Mueller, Mark Aronson, Jieli Wei

Absent: Jennifer Johnson, Noah Relles, Ben Williams,

7:04 pm

Welcome (Debbie)

Debbie called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

New Business:

7:05 pm:

Discussion of the recommendations of the Emergency Response Taskforce.

- Masking optional on 10/17:
 - If we held ourselves to low transmission, it would likely not happen at anytime in the near future.
 - The experts said if PSA is the only place where they are masking and given the mask practices of preschoolers, they were okay with going mask optional in September.
 - The argument for continuing with the mask requirements were:
 - COVID is still here and transmission is still high
 - We have aimed to be inclusive and this would run contrary to this for immunocompromised kids
 - Consistency of masking is difficult when they have to wear them on and off
 - Some kids may exclude those who are or are not wearing a mask
 - There have been two teachers with COVID this year and one classroom that had a case but kids were vaccinated so it didn't close.
- Room closures no longer required positive children will stay out for 5 days and mask for an additional 5
- Staff was split in going mask optional and in doing masking for only certain time periods.
- Currently, children do not mask while eating or napping indoors.
- If there were not enough substitutes, the class would have to close.
- Penny will speak with Abby about offering five COVID sick days for staff who contract COVID:

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- Need to check on the financial implications of doing this.
- It was offered last year and only used by about 10 teachers.
- If it was already in the budget, then we do not need a vote on this.
- If it wasn't in the budget, we can take it up at the next board meeting.

Vote: Motion to go mask optional as of October 15, 2022 and give Penny the authority to determine when masking is mandatory by Andy, seconded by Erica.

Motion approved (7 ayes/4 nays).

Other Business: None

7:37 pm **Adjourn**

Vote: Motion to adjourn by Elizabeth, seconded by Andy.

Approved unanimously (10 ayes/0 nays).

Next meeting: Thursday, October 27, 7 PM