

# School Board Meeting MINUTES

## Monday, August 23, 2021 at 6:00pm

### DaVinci Academy

### 1. Call to order @6:05

### 2. Roll Call

Present	Board Members	Guests
0	Melanie Persellin - President	Ahava Silkey-Jones – Ex-Officio Member
0	Lenny Ulloa Silva-Secretary	Ben Bergan
0	Todd Paulson	Jenn Morrissey
0	Katharine Borg	Mari Schwarz
0	Idara Uko-Treasurer	Angie Washburn
0	Ojonimi Ocholi- Vice President	Jeff Rossenberg
0	Dan Rhinhart	Katie Sundgren
	Vacant Parent Seat	Molly Guy
	Vacant Community Seat	Mark Kelly
		Carrie Burk
		Lyndsey Aspaas

### 3. Reading of Mission Statement and Real Life Examples

**1 minute**

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will awaken a passion for learning through an enriched and individualized approach to education. Students, parents and teachers will work together to ensure positive character development and build a strong foundation for higher education.

### 4. Community Comment

**5-10 minutes**

*Community Comment is the only open forum portion of tonight's meeting, and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than ONE minute. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming.*

- Ben Bergen: parents are willing to sign waivers so that DaVinci is not liable for the health of the students.
- Angie Washburn: We are concerned about our kids' health but there are credible sources that talk about the lack of effectiveness of masks such as JAMA and the CDC.
- Jeff Rosenberg : If I decided not to wear a mask, I'm not making a decision for myself but for others are COVID spreads in small droplets.
- Katie Sundgren: many schools without mask mandates that already started their academic year have had quarantines.
- Carrie Burke: kids are mentally exhausted.
- Lindsey: I want classes to be in person and he is exhausted but not because of a mask but because we are in a pandemic.

### 5. Adoption of Agenda and Addendums

**2 minutes**

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Dan, seconded by Todd, it passed unanimously.

### 6. Consent Agenda

**5 minutes**

#### 6.1. DONATIONS

Unrestricted donations: available for viewing in the office



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Restricted donations: none received

#### 6.2. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021 Board meeting minutes

July 26, 2021 off-site meeting minutes

August 10, 2021 Special Board meeting minute

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 26, 2021 as written by Todd, seconded by Idara, it passes.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the off-site board meeting on July 26, 2021 as written by Nimi, seconded by Idara, it passes.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the special board meeting on August 10, 2021 as revised by Dan, seconded by Todd, it passes.

#### 7. Kathy Miller Report

- goal fund balance: 25%
- 2 years ago we were at a high 15% for the fund balance.

#### 8. Academic Update - Terry Moffatt

30 minutes

- MCA will be in embargo until Friday. There is communication that will be sent to parents.
- Fastbridge testing will be soon and this test is K-8 and it's done 3 times a year.
- STEP will also be happening and that test is K-4 instead of K-3 so we can get more data.
- ELA and Math curriculum has been delayed due to several shortages.
- Academic competitions are coming back: Battle of the Books, Math and Science at the Zoo, among others.

#### 9. Discussion – Administration Updates – Ahava Silkey-Jones

30 minutes

Covid-19 protocols, operations, academics, enrollment, staffing, events, etc.

- 8th best charter school in Minnesota.
- Staff training week had a lot of workshops around differentiation, arts integration.
- Fall play auditions and 6th grade activities related to arts are showing how excited the students are to be back in school.
- There will be a recognition for staff members who have been at the school for multiple years.

#### 10. Committee Updates and Review/Approve Committee Minutes

30 minutes

##### COMMITTEE

##### MEETING DATE

10.1 Finance Committee & Treasurer's Update:

August 18, 2021

- review monthly financial report

10.2 HR/Compensation Committee:

Did not meet

10.3 School Development Committee:

August 17, 2021

SDC to provide date when it will present recommendation to the Board to vote on Contractor for shading options.

- Possible meeting change time to second Tuesday of the month.

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- We are waiting on delivery date for materials to build the shades. They will be built by the basketball court and the gaga pit.
- DaVinci Color Run will be either on campus or online. Flyers will be sent home. Cost of registration is \$15. It's not the bigger fundraiser but it's good to get the ball rolling and connect with families.

#### 10.4 Policy Committee: - quarantine

August 19, 2021

- Motion to approve Policy 901 - COVID-19 Related Quarantines including the Decision Tree provided by MDH by Todd, seconded by Melanie,

### 11. Old Business

11.1 Board Operations Update Ocholi 10 minutes

### 12. New Business – Discussion/Action items

12.1 Appointment Process for Vacant Board Seats Persellin 15 minutes  
Discuss deadline for Application submissions by September 20, 2021 to the Board and attendance at September 27, 2021 Board meeting for interviews and appointments.

12.2 Review of Mask Resolution and COVID/Delta Board 60 minutes  
Review Mask Resolution.

- Motion to take a break of 10 minutes by Melanie, seconded by Todd, it passes. We are coming back at 7:39.
- Goal: keep children in school and provide the safest environment for them to learn.
- As of now, if a student tests positive and is unmasked, the entire class (or classes) will need to be quarantined. Exceptions are vaccinated or students with antibodies, meaning that they have tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days.
- Motion to have the DaVinci Academy develop a COVID response task force that represents all constituents to implement a matrix that scales a safety measure based on local data. This matrix will be used by school to define when masking is required for students K-8 by the September board meeting by Melanie, seconded by Lenny. Idara votes yes, Todd votes no, Melanie votes yes, Nimi votes yes, Lenny votes yes, Katie votes yes, Dan votes yes. The motion passes.
- Motion to approve a Board Policy 902: Face Covering/Mask Requirements until further review at the September board meeting to start on Wednesday, August 25 by Melanie, seconded by Nimi. Idara votes yes, Melanie votes yes, Lenny votes yes, Katie votes yes, Dan votes no, Todd votes no. The motion passes.

12.3 Meeting Assessment and Closing Thoughts President 2 minutes  
Did we spend our time effectively today? What could we do better?  
What do we, as a board, need to be focusing on for the next meeting?

### 13. Adjourn Meeting

Estimated end time: 8:00 pm

Actual end time: 9:57 pm



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Motion to adjourn by Nimi, seconded by Melanie, it passes.