



School Board Special Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00pm

DaVinci Academy

- Linsey Aspaas - MN medical association advocating for mask requirements.
- Jeff Roseberg - advocating for mask requirements.
- Carla Lemm - does it make it possible to have only 10 minutes for community comments?
- Megan Morrissey - based on personal experience, how many students play with their masks? There has been an increase in suicide.
- Paul Morrissey - how are board members making decisions for students when they don't have kids in this school? How can we select what's best for our students knowing that the organizations that started the guidelines are not following them.

5. Adoption of Agenda 2 minutes

- Motion to approve the agenda for the special board meeting by Todd, Nimi seconded. It passes unanimously.

6. Discuss Mask Policy for Students and Staff 50 minutes

- Idara presenting to the board.
 - 83% of the COVID cases are with the delta variant around the States.
 - Cases in kids are growing
- Ahava Silkey-Jones explains the rationale behind our current decision for masks. If a student is not wearing a mask and is in close contact with a student who has tested positive, they will have to quarantine. However, if the student is wearing a mask and is in close contact with a positive case, they won't have to quarantine. At the same time, if a class has more than 3 cases of flu-like symptoms, the school will need to report to the MDH.
- Melanie: With a mask mandate we won't have concerns about attendance, most of the students are not 12 years old which is when they can choose to get vaccinated. Students can also lose the opportunity to go on field trips. Teachers can remain on site and teach in-person. Melanie wants to propose a mask mandate for the school that will be constantly revised.
- The options are:
 - mandatory mask wearing for staff, students, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.
 - highly recommended for all staff, students, and visitors.
- Motion to make all staff, students, and visitors within DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science 4185-07 buildings wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, as specified in the "CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools" with the intent of reviewing this requirement in the next board meeting by Melanie, seconded by Idara. Melanie votes yes, Nimi votes yes, Lenny votes yes, Todd votes no, Katharine Borg votes no, Idara votes yes, Dan votes no, Jeff votes no. The motion doesn't pass.
- Motion for mask recommended for students and optional for staff at 6ft of proximity by Todd, seconded by Jeff. Jeff votes yes, Todd votes yes, Dan votes yes, Katharine votes yes, Idara votes no, Melanie votes no. Lenny votes no, Nimi votes no. The motion doesn't pass.
- Motion to highly recommend k-8 grade students to wear masks and have staff be required to wear masks unless more than 6ft from students in which they might substitute a face coverings that will be reviewed at the August board meeting by Katie, seconded by Todd. Jeff votes yes, Idara votes no, Todd votes yes, Melanie votes no, Nimi votes yes, Dan votes yes, Katie votes yes, Lenny votes no. The motion passes.
- Motion to have the Executive Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the School Board Chair and notification to the School Board, to select and implement different health and safety measures for the School District or any specific school buildings without School Board action if the Executive Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of different health and safety measures is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a School Board meeting to approve the implementation. The health and safety measures selected and implemented by the Executive Director shall continue in effect unless and until the School Board, in consultation with the Executive Director and appropriate school district staff and public health officials, deems it in the best interest of the School District and its students to implement different health and safety measures by Melanie, seconded by Todd, it passes unanimously.



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Adjourn Meeting

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nimi, seconded by Todd. It passed unanimously.

Estimated end time:

7:00 pm

Actual end time:

8:04 pm.