



Potomac Elementary School

School Board Minutes

For
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within a culture of excellence that values the small community experience.”*

Call to Order

In room 112, Chair Dr. Courtney Hathaway called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair Cliff Vann and Trustees Wes Mitchell, Jayme Fairfield and Kyle Kelley were present. Principal John Rouse and Clerk, Heather Marcella, were also in attendance.

Public Comment:

Mr. Dave Knapp, Parent: Masks should be personal choice

Ms. Sandra (no last name listed on Webex), Grandparent: Masks should be personal choice, MT Senate Bill 400 and parental rights

Dr. Camilla Petersen, Parent: Masks should be personal choice, asymptomatic children should not have to quarantine

Mrs. Natalie Howard, Parent: Masks should be personal choice, MT House Bill 121, parental responsibility of at-risk children.

Mr. Tom Petersen, Parent: Masks should be personal choice, Flu vs. COVID

Mrs. Leigh Kelley, Parent: Masks should be personal choice, suggestions for Return-to-School plan

Ms. Sandra (no last name listed on Webex), Grandparent: MT House Bill 121 and Health Department authority

Dr. Camilla Petersen, Parent: Parental responsibility for children

Mr. Dave Knapp, Parent: Guidelines provided for in MT House Bill 121 and Senate Bill 400

Old Business

Tabled Motion – Review and consider amending Return-to-School Plan and Policy 1905.

Motion opened, original motion from 9/20/21 meeting:

Trustee Mitchell amended his motion that the board review the Return-to-School Plan as well as policy 1905 to make sure changes made to the Return-to-School Plan coincide with policy. Vice Chair Vann seconded the motion.

The board reviewed the Back-to-School Plan and Policy 1905. The items listed hereafter were revised per the Clerks notes. In the Return-to-School Plan: first page third to last sentence replace “at intervals including before and after school” with “daily”; last page, third bullet point remove all entries listing “26 students”; last page fourth bullet point change “two weeks” to “7 days to return on the following Monday” and replace “26 students” with “33% of student body”; new bullet point to read “A cohort group will engage in on-line instruction when 50% of the cohort has been identified as a close contact or positive for COVID”; new bullet point to read “Once 50% of an isolated cohort can return to in person learning they will return under a hybrid model”. In Policy 1905: page 1 line 32 the word “to” was inserted after “not limited”; page 2 line 10 the word “be” was added after “regular household isolation group when the group is authorized to”; policy page numbers corrected to read 1-5 of 5 pages.

Passed 5-0

New Business

Consider approving PEA COVID Leave MOA for 2021-2022.

Consider approving PACE COVID Leave MOA for 2021-2022.

Chair Dr. Courtney Hathaway moved to approve both MOA’s from PEA and PACE for their COVID leave. Trustee Fairfield seconded the motion. The board reviewed the MOA’s and discussed. **Passed 5-0**

Adjourn

Chair Dr. Courtney Hathaway adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Dr. Courtney Hathaway, Chair

date

Heather Marcella, Clerk

date