



Board Meeting Minutes
63645 Scenic Drive, Bend, OR 97701
August 18th, 2021

Jessica Loukonen called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

Present: Jessica Loukonen, Cara Nowak, John Eskew, Kevin McKennon, David Trexler

Also Present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Heather Phillips, Jenn Limoges (until 7:21pm)

Executive Session: called 6:18pm; adjourned to public board meeting at 7:21pm

BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

a. Head of School Report

i. Jodie Borgia on Covid protocols for this school year:

1. Decisions for our school this year regarding Covid protocols will be made by the school district and Deschutes County Health Department (except for the state-wide mask mandate per the governor)
2. Schools will be fined for people not wearing masks appropriately
3. Consequences for missing school for 10 consecutive days will be back in play this year
 - a. Children will be given instruction/works if in Covid related quarantine
4. Has put most of Bend/Lapine School Board's recommendations into our school's blueprint
 - a. Cleaning protocols will remain the same
 - b. Children are to be 3 feet apart
 - c. Contact tracing still applies when within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes of someone with Covid, but children will not be required to quarantine if they were masked; Jodie Borgia will be in charge of notifying all involved when contact tracing
 - d. Masks, social distancing, and contact tracing will not be required when children are outside, only when inside
 - e. Stricter screening will be in place this year before anyone enters the building
 - f. Free Covid testing will still be provided within the school

- g. Unvaccinated staff have the option of weekly Covid testing
 - h. Elementary students will be required to mask for 60 days past when an age-appropriate vaccine against Covid is offered
 - 5. DSM will be starting the year with individual classes as cohorts, except for the Steelhead and Owl classrooms which will be cohorting together; cohorting will be stopped if Covid risk improves
 - 6. There has not been any community spread from the Covid cases that have arisen at DSM so far, likely because of the safety procedures in place
 - 7. Children will be spending as much time as possible outside; HEPA filters will be in all classrooms
 - a. Kevin McKennon: offers to do some research on air turnover and ventilation: how to measure these in the classrooms, how to improve it, etc.
 - 8. Visitors will not be allowed inside the school until the Covid numbers come down
 - 9. Jodie Borgia will send a copy of DSM's blueprint to the board before it is sent on to ODE [Oregon Department of Education] and posted to the school's website
 - ii. Jodie Borgia reports that DSM is currently losing about 4 children per day because of parents not wanting to send their children back into classrooms right now
 - 1. Online instruction will not be offered at DSM unless it is mandated by the state or the children are quarantined (but even then, it would not be to the same extent as last year)
 - 2. Children can co-enroll with DSM and Bend/Lapine online this year as they could last year; do not have to enroll in online classes for a specific amount of time (ie can switch to in-person at DSM whenever they are ready)
 - iii. DSM is still in need of aftercare workers
 - iv. Jodie Borgia and Heather Phillips will be attending a workshop with the Montessori Associations to see how other schools are addressing Critical Race Theory; thinks the board should discuss this at some point since it will be brought to us eventually
- b. Business Director Report
 - i. Julia Sutter would like for Heather Phillips to be added to the bank accounts
 - ii. Work dates for the school will be announced soon
- c. Approve June Minutes

2021.09.18.01 Cara Nowak moves to approve the June minutes. John Eskew seconds. The June minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

2021.09.18.02 Keven McKennon moves to approve the consent agenda. Jessica Loukonen seconds. The consent agenda is approved by unanimous vote.

B. Treasurer's Report

a. Financial Summary

- i. John Eskew: not much going on right now; will work on figuring out our reserves

2021.09.18.03 Jessica Loukonen moves to add Heather Phillips to all OnPoint Community Bank Accounts. Kevin McKennon seconds. Heather Phillips is added to all OnPoint Community Bank Accounts by unanimous vote.

C. Future Campus Update

- a. Julia Sutter: plans to get together with Unity and Lighthouse in the next few weeks to check where everyone is at

D. Board President Update

- a. Jessica Loukonen: would like to talk about the board's goals for this year
- i. Julia Sutter: has started the process of getting help from OSBA [Oregon School Boards Association] with writing board policies, the executive evaluation process, and the board evaluation process; the school district has to sign off on it first, then it will come to Jodie Borgia and Julia Sutter for final approval
- ii. Jessica Loukonen: would like for us to be present at the board fair this year so that we can possibly recruit new members there; 7 board members would be ideal
- b. Jodie Borgia: we need to reconvene the PCA this year
- c. Jessica Loukonen: would like to observe in the classrooms once visitors are allowed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 8:09pm.

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 9/15/2021 Board Meeting