
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF TUCSON COUNTRY DAY CHARTER SCHOOL OF MEETING HELD
AUGUST 24, 2021**

A public meeting of the Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School was convened on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021, at 5:00 PM via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School:

Richard Cooper, Renee Danielson, Bruce Forche, Josh Ruddick, and Allan Stockellburg

Absent: None

Quorum present? Yes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Allan Stockellburg

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETINGS:

August 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting for August 10th, 2021.

Motioned by Renee Danielson and seconded by Josh Ruddick

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Richard Cooper, Renee Danielson, Bruce Forche, Josh Ruddick and Allan Stockellburg

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL-WIDE MITIGATION POLICIES

- Board Member Bruce Forche recognized personal choice and freedom and commented that we should be looking out for each other. Universal mask wearing and vaccinating are currently recommended due to the Delta variant.

Motion to mandate mask wearing by all students, staff, and visitors on campus until further notice.

Motion by Bruce Forche and seconded by Richard Cooper

- Board Member Allan Stockellburg brought up that we are not medical professionals. We must rely on outside agencies around us for data and information. There are currently 9 layered mitigation strategies:
 - Vaccinations
 - Universal mask usage
 - Social distancing
 - Screening
 - Ventilation
 - Hand washing
 - Staying home when sick
 - Contact tracing
 - Cleaning/disinfecting
- We don't have control of five of these strategies. The CDC has stated that the top two mitigation strategies are universal mask usage and getting vaccinated. The board received an emailed letter from a concerned parent. Allan read the letter.
- Board Member Renee Danielson is concerned that we are not engaging in more of the mitigation strategies. She wonders how putting a mask mandate in place will be received. We won't want to task our teachers and staff with policing students for not complying with the mandate. Their education is more important, and we've already lost a year of that.
- Board Member Josh Ruddick feels we would look petty after already agreeing to keep masks optional two weeks ago at the last school board meeting. That's not the culture we want to model and put forth for our stake holders. We are not prepared to mandate masks as even our public health departments only recommend but have not mandated masks. We may be better off requiring all staff to get vaccinated. Employers have been mandating vaccinations. COVID-19 will continue to be around as long as people aren't getting vaccinated.
- Board Member Richard Cooper said we are not currently in violation of the law, and he would be in favor of a mask mandate until September 29th.
- The board members continued to discuss the possibility of a mask mandate at length.

Amendment to current motion to mandate mask wearing by all students, staff, and visitors while indoors where social distancing is not possible, until further notice due to the rapid spread of the Delta variant.

Amendment to motion made by Allan Stockellburg

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Richard Cooper, Bruce Forche, and Allan Stockellburg

No: Josh Ruddick

Abstain: Renee Danielson

Motion to change the close contact in our Mitigation Strategies Plan to mirror the CDC wording. Adding that if both parties are wearing masks, it's not considered close contact.

Motion by Renee Danielson and seconded by Bruce Forche

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Richard Cooper, Renee Danielson, Bruce Forche, Josh Ruddick and Allan Stockellburg

Motion to change our positive case notification letter to include the grade level where the positive case occurred and the last day the student was on campus. As well as that our mitigation strategy plan includes universal mask usage and per CDC guidelines, this is not considered close contact.

Motion by Bruce Forche and seconded by Renee Danielson

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Richard Cooper, Renee Danielson, Bruce Forche, Josh Ruddick and Allan Stockellburg

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FOSTERING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY WITHIN THE TCDS CULTURE

- Board Member Allan Stockellburg stated that there is a lot of competing information out there, with call to the public and our administrative update. Opinions are mixed. What are we doing at TCDS with staff and students to help promote a culture of critical thinking and verifying references?
- Board Member Josh Ruddick is concerned that when he went back to look at previously proposed sources from our administration they had been retracted. We must do a better job of modeling critical thinking. What policies are in place to make sure that our curriculum is being based off academically accepted sources?
- Mr. Krause showed the since retracted video at the last school board meeting. He fully acknowledged his mistake and apologized for it. He went on to say that at TCDS our job is to teach students how to think, not what to think. We must take an unbiased stance, requiring that people back up their opinions with vetted sources and promote a culture of how to think, not what to think.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR SETTING BOARD MEETING PROTOCOLS AND EXPECTATIONS, INCLUDING BYLAW AMENDMENT IF NECESSARY

- Board Member Allan Stockellburg acknowledges that many of our Call to Public has gone too long, created fatigue on a lot of people during our board meetings.
- Board Member Renee Danielson suggested a 45-minute time limit for Call to Public.
- Board Member Allan Stockellburg suggested we require Call to Publics be submitted in writing to the School Board at least 24-hours in advance to help keep us organized and prepared. We must have a Zoom session for our CFO, Lauren Mosgrove to participate. We could do a Zoom session for Lauren, and live stream to the public who are unable to attend in-person. For those who would be live streaming, they could have a letter read during Call to the Public if they submit their request 24-hours in advance.

- Board Member Bruce Forche suggested we have only one Call to Public held at the beginning of the board meeting.
- Agenda items should be submitted to Board Member Allan Stockellburg and Board Secretary Rachel Robertson by the Wednesday prior to the meeting. Items that need to be presented to the board during any meetings, should be submitted to board members 24-hours in advance to help prepare them.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by Renee Danielson and seconded by Richard Cooper

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Richard Cooper, Renee Danielson, Bruce Forche, Josh Ruddick, and Allan Stockellburg

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Dated this 24th day of August 2021

The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School

Minutes taken by Board Secretary, Rachel Robertson