

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2021

Madam Chair Balch called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. Roll Call was taken and Directors Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, Forman were in attendance. Directors Young and Silver are absent. Director Silver joined the meeting shortly after Roll Call.

Motion to approve the agenda by Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

SCHOOL OPERATING PLANS

Modified Traditional Proposed Changes

Proposed changes are included in the Agenda Packet

The Board is being asked to update the wording on certain procedures in the Modified Traditional Plan. A draft of the changes was sent to the Board for review. Some of the changes include cleaning procedures, face coverings required by all staff, students and visitors in the building, seating arrangements, lunch time and temperature checks.

Seating/Travel Arrangements:

Students will be assigned to pods. Pods are groups of 4-5 students seated together in the classroom, travel to Specials in line together and seated together at Specials; pods socially distanced from other pods. Pods give a buffer if a need for quarantine occurs, and is helpful for the CDC tracing. Other schools using the pod system consider a successful precaution.

Students use outside walks ways for traveling to Specials, when possible. The Hallways are set up for one-way travel with social distancing. This procedure will continue with Modified Traditional.

Lunch Time:

Students will eat outside, weather permitting, as often as possible. When eating in the classroom all doors will be open for air flow.

Face Coverings:

Face coverings defined as material that covers both the nose and mouth. Medical documentation will be required from a medical professional for exemption. Those who are exempt asked to wear a face shield. Counsel advised Idaho Code 39-9703. Schools need to act reasonable and not reckless, not recommended that North Star force non-mask wearers to join Remote Learning.

The average classroom size is 24-28 students. Currently average exemptions in class is 2-3 per class. Highest number: one classroom with six not wearing face covering and two wearing face shields.

West Ada School District current policy requires Masks and a medical exemption required.

Temperature Checks:

Currently all students temperatures are taken when they enter the building at the start of their day. The Board needs to decide if this practice should continue. Concerns include the effectiveness of the Thermometers when used in quick succession, and the additional time to take 24-28 students as they enter the building.

More effective if parents are checking temperatures and keeping sick children home. Teachers are being extra sensitive to children and their appearances if they feel the child is not well

Board would like more information of the effectiveness of thermometers being used in quick succession on students as they wait in line outside the classroom. The Board will add the thermometer procedure to the current updated Modification Plan, and will readdress this concern in a future meeting.

Remote Learning Registration re-opened for 2nd-5th graders to move from in-class to remote learning if they are uncomfortable with the returning to Modify Traditional.

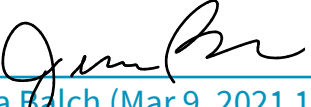
Director Elledge left the meeting at 12:28 pm.

Motion to adapt the changes that have been stated including medical exemptions for non-wearing masks, face mask that covers both nose and mouth, and students not wearing face covering are grouped in pods; when possible by Director Silver. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

These changes will be in effect as of February 24, 2021.

Motion to adjourn by Director Forman. Second by Director Broadbent. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

The Board adjourned at 12:49 pm.



Jenna Balch (Mar 9, 2021 11:15 MST)

Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
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