

MINUTES
NORTH STAR CHARTER SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Madam Chair Balch called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Roll Call taken with the following Directors present: Balch, Broadbent, Dumas, Elledge, Forman, Young. Director Silver was absent for this meeting.

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

Motion to go into Executive Session by Director Forman. Second by Director Young. Vote take:

Balch-yes, Broadbent-yes, Dumas-yes, Elledge-yes, Forman-yes, Young-yes

The Board moved to Executive Session at 6:05 pm

Executive Session adjourned at 6:33 pm with a motion from Director Forman. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

BOARD BUSINESS

Operating School Plans

Elementary started Modified Traditional All-Day on Wednesday, 24th of February. Mostly good reports, drop off and pick up are the most difficult part of the day. Administration is working to smooth out these procedures. Shay Davis reports that teachers and students are happy to be back. The teachers were most grateful for the two extra day of preparation before the students returned full-time.

Secondary is considering the possibility of returning to Full Time with Monday remaining as a Remote day for all students. Classes would return to 4 periods per day, Tues-Fri, with longer lunch times to spread out the student body. The modified plan would include face covering, mouth and nose covered, being required unless medical note is on file. Students would be placed in pods, similar to Elementary. March 30, 2021 is the anticipated date for return, pending Board approval. Teachers request extra days to prepare.

Questions by the Board:

What is the case for change? Parent driven is the leading reason to bring students back full time.

What is the teacher feedback? Most in middle ground for comfort. Will return if that is the change.

What is the plan for a teacher who is not comfortable in returning to the classroom? None have stated that they will not return. Those who are somewhat uncomfortable have been vaccinated. There is concern for the older students ages 16-18 who are not eligible for the vaccine.

Have other Secondary Charter Schools started back? Compass is back to full-time.

Suggested safety precautions included masks being required, not face shields. Maintaining distances as much as possible, understanding that the six-foot distance is not possible to maintain. Students would eat outside as often as possible. The Board requests that the administration contact Compass and research how they have adapted to COVID restrictions.

No vote taken. No change to the Secondary Schedule at this time.

Safety Busing Area Annual Renewals

Documentation included in the Agenda packet

Statute states we must provide transportation if students live greater than 1.5 miles from the school. If the student lives less than 1.5 miles from the school and the pickup/drop off is considered unsafe for the students, transportation must be provided by the school.

Brown Bus has been very effective and proactive in establishing their routes. Eric recommends that the board approve the safety bus review.

Motion to approve all the Safety Bus locations as stated by Eric Dickelman by Director Young. Second by Director Forman. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Election Commissioner

Motion to approve Victor Villegas to act as the Election Commissioner by Director Elledge. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

School Report

Shay Davis reported that transitioning back to full time is in full swing. Currently looking at ISAT testing and how to do this with the Remote students. Shay Davis, Laiena Leatherman and Danica Holladay are roaming around during lunchtime, enjoying watching the students socializing during their lunch times. Shay and Laiena gave a presentation to all students explaining the purpose of the pods and then allowed the students to ask questions and voice concerns.

Will Bogdanoff reported that Middle School is prepping for ISATs. Basketball finished the season, waiting for spring sports to start.

Melissa Andersen reported that the Women's Basketball made it to districts. Small group for DECA went to the state conferences. A senior placed 1st, a junior placed 1st and 3rd and was elected as the Idaho DECA president. Seniors are finishing their extended 4000 word research essay, part of the IB program. Spring sports include NS first Baseball Team and Golf will begin.

Capstone Presentation by Melissa Andersen

Melissa shared with the Board some of the current projects that students involved in Capstone. Slides sent to the Board showing students who are working on You Tube channels, developing video games, jewelry, pottery, graffiti art, a novel written and one student is working on an engineering internship. Misty Ostrowski reported that this year is considered a research year with the students fine-tuning their interests. Next year they will make goals and finish with a gallery showing of their projects. Capstone is a program that helps those students who may struggle in the normal academic classes yet thrive with these projects. This is not less work than IB, it is different work, but they are working very hard in and outside of the classroom.

Finance Update

Presentation of the Finance update included in the Agenda documentation

COVID grant money coming in. Contracts will be out by May 2021. Revenues are doing well- Calvary Church rental dues and Student fees for sports helping with revenue.

General funds received. Expenses tracking as expected.

The IT contract has been negotiated with some other items to be discussed.

Finance Committee will need to meet to discuss the PPP money and how to invest for the future.

Cash accounts are doing fine. Setting up reserves for expected roof repairs in the futures.

March 5th is the last day to apply for the lottery. Last year was the highest year; previous year and this year are tracking closer to the normal expected numbers.

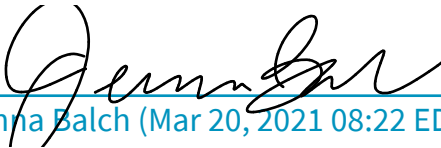
Corrections to the presentation were noted and will be fixed.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Director Broadbent. Second by Director Forman. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn this Board meeting by Director Elledge. Second by Director Dumas. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion passes.

The board adjourned at 8:16 pm



Jenna Balch (Mar 20, 2021 08:22 EDT)

Jenna Balch
Madam Chair of the Board



Sheri Craig
Clerk of the Board






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