



Tomorrow River Community Charter School
Governance Board Meeting
 Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm
 Virtual via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

Board Member	Present?		Present?
Sarah Tompkins: Chair	yes	Gina DeLisle: Treasurer (<i>Time Keeper</i>)	yes
Tom Quinn: Vice-Chair	yes	Louise Pease: Member (<i>Keeper of the Heart</i>)	yes
Tina Giombetti: Secretary	yes	Matt Dorsey: Member	yes
Susan Schmidt: Member	no		

Other Attendees: Kelly Loken, Beth Shore, Stacey Falk, Kristin Skibba, Laurie Low, Laura Miller, Vincent Miresse, Robin & Curt Furmanek, Breann Cordy, Hannah Goldman, Josh Stolzenburg, Ward Veith, Morgan Borer, Craig DeLisle

Minutes taken by Laura Brown

1. Call to order by Sarah Tompkins at 6:00 pm.
2. Introductions & sharing of a positive memory: all
3. Gathering Verse
4. Public participation:
 - a. Tina explained what happened with some people being unable to access the last meeting and what we think caused the issue. She shared the measures taken to assure something like that does not happen again.
 - b. Ward Veith: Spoke in support of universal masking.
 - c. Breann Cordy: Expressed gratitude for the proposed option to be unmasked outside. She expressed that she would prefer optional masking indoors as well.
 - d. Vinnie Miresse: Gratitude to school staff and board members. Spoke in support of universal masking for indoor spaces. Looking forward to a time when these precautions are unnecessary.

- e. Josh Stolzenburg: Spoke in favor of indoor masking and the need for school policy that will help limit the spread of COVID and protect the more vulnerable members of the school community.
- f. Robin Furmanek: Spoke in favor of optional masking both indoor and outdoor. She expressed her feeling that mandating masks takes away a parent's right to make medical decisions for their children. She is hesitant to force masks on her children because the long term effects of masking are unknown.
- g. Hannah Goldman: Spoke in favor of optional masking and requested the choice to keep her children unmasked.
- h. Morgan Borer: Spoke in favor of optional masking, allowing the family to decide with the help of their medical providers, to make the decision to allow children to be unmasked.

5. Approve Agenda

- a. **Since the only topic of public participation this evening is the Opening Plan, the rest of the items on the agenda will stand as decided on August 10th. Strike everything from the agenda except the Opening Plan. Approved.**
6. TRCCS Opening plan: After hearing input during public participation, the governance board members each shared their thoughts.
- a. Sarah reiterated that the plan approved this evening will only be for the month of September, and described the process in place for reevaluating the conditions of the pandemic and reconsidering the measures necessary after that. The Operations Committee will continue to monitor recommendations from local health agencies and bring those to the governance board each month. Sarah also feels it is very important to avoid having multiple classrooms unmasked indoors to eat in the dining hall and supports the measure of classes continuing to have meals in their classrooms (outdoor classrooms while the weather permits).
 - b. Louise expressed support for universal indoor masking.
 - c. Matt thanked all the parents for providing their input on this topic. Reiterated that classes will be outdoors as much as possible. Expressed support for the plan as written.
 - d. Tina has heard from parents on both sides of the masking issue and feels the current plan is an acceptable compromise for both sides.
 - e. Gina has concerns about the smaller children being able to maintain distance when they are unmasked outdoors. Gina also mentioned that as a volunteer doing her best for the school community, she does not accept any legal responsibility. She supports the plan as written.
 - f. Tom: supports everything in this plan. And a reminder that the board has to consider the interests of the entire school community in making decisions.
 - g. Parent question about whether TRCCS board will alter their decision based on the outcome of the district board meeting: No, TRCCS is autonomous in this respect and is

making this decision independent of the district.

- h. Parent question about discipline for students who refuse to wear a mask: Beth shared how she addressed these situations with students during the last school year when they came up. Each case will be handled individually and the school will work with the child in the same way we would if they were struggling to meet any other expectation in the classroom. We do not anticipate the need to enact any disciplinary measures.
 - i. **The Opening Plan is approved by consensus as written.**
 - i. A “News” section has been added to our website and this decision will be posted there. Beth will share this with staff and families via an Apptegy text alert to direct people to that website announcement.
7. Adjourn 6:51pm