

**Gardner Valley School
Charter Board Meeting Agenda
August 2nd, 2020**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Rob Fogel: Present
 - B. Saba Halaby: Present
 - C. Andrea Garcia: Present
 - D. Amy Gonzales: Present
 - E. Melanie Speer: Absent
 - F. Christina Fogel: Present
 - G. Jody Medina: Present
 - H. Also in attendance: Janet Kinniry, Amanda Salas, Syna Kistler, Jade Esparza, Deborah Tanzy, Liz Schneider
- III. Approval of Agenda: No additions Saba motioned, Amy second, all aye
- IV. Approval of Minutes: No edits, Rob motioned, Amy second, all aye
- V. Administrative Status Reports:
 - A. President: Nothing to report
 - B. Vice President: Nothing to report
 - C. Treasurer: Nothing to report
 - D. Secretary: Not present
 - E. Board Member Search: Janet Kinniry: We have received an email from Amanda Salas asking to be part of the board. Jade is in the meeting and asked how to apply for the board.
 - F. Head of School: Jody wants to recognize Rick, he is working hard and the building looks great. August 8th is volunteer beautification, lots of volunteers have RSVPed. August 10th is the envisioning meeting and community members have expressed excitement over this process.
- VI. Sub-Committees
 - A. Preschool: no new information. Working with the district to meet inspection requirements.
 - B. School Accountability: No new information.
 - C. Union and Teacher Relations: Correlates with COVID-19 discussion.
 - D. Grants and Outreach: Outreach: Syna has been communicating to the community through the newspaper, website, and facebook page. Syna has reached out to parents to get input for invisioning and feedback for forming our school. Outreach to parents has been excellent. A number of our grade levels are at capacity. Liz and Janet are working on the overlap of year 0 and year 1 with the state. Many items have been ordered. Phone call with grant contact regarding the overlap was made to continue

communication with our grant holders. They are allowing us to overlap services and costs.

- E. Business, Insurance, Inventory: Business, accounts have moved to PBT. Insurance is an ongoing process for health and is completed for liability and building. Inventory is ongoing and up to date.
- F. Tech and Marketing: Content is being added to the website and it is active. We are awaiting the domain change (about a week). Zooma will be training teachers to update the website and keep it current. Wix is the platform for our website.

VII. Crisis Response Team MOU: In the emergency and crisis response protocol, we used the district protocol with updates. The entity that created the protocol is the “Love you guys” foundation and they have a great deal of resources available and the MOU puts us in partnership with them. This includes training for students, administrators, and teachers to cope with crisis situations. The board would like all teachers to be trained.

- Action item: approve MOU for partnership with the “Love you guys” foundation: Motion: Andrea Second: Amy Vote: aye:4

VIII. Food Service Contract: Kinniry is asking about a server role in the contract. Jody states that was worked out. We would not have to pay anyone to do that job, we would provide someone who could be on staff. The reimbursement for that position will be credited at the end of the year. The district has been very cooperative when working through details. They adjust using our service contract and the reimbursement is coming through USDA. Jody will sign and forward to Tara on Monday.

-Action item: approve food service contract with Huerfano Schools: Motion: Amy Second: Rob Vote: Aye: 4, No: 0

IX. COVID-19: Our job is to ensure that our students get a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment. She understands the disruption to foundational skills development and wants to limit that disruption. Parents who have enrolled are in favor of in-person learning. Parents who are not comfortable have not enrolled and are seeking other programs. This plan follows the CDE, CDC. Jody would like to provide in-person instruction on a delayed schedule, August 27th or September 3rd. The delayed start would allow for us to get our PPE and provide staff and parent training. We would like to start on a thursday to allow for adjustments and reflection on our plan. Andrea is concerned that we are not offering online programs. We are not staffed to do both programs. We are looking at ways to offer both but we do not have a solid plan for that yet. We will explore the option of having a camera on the teacher. Jody is open to looking at those options. We may be looking at an online vendor for online programs. Teacher safety has to be considered per Amy. Teachers in other areas are talking about striking due to safety. Deb, a teacher at GVS, feels comfortable with the outlined safety protocols. Teachers have met and we agree that in-person learning is preferable but we would be more comfortable with a later start to procure ppe and create a robust virtual plan. GVS will create a solid online teaching program to have on hand for possible closure. Jody will meet with the health department after we approve a protocol. Students will move through their day within their cohorts and sanitizing will happen between groups. Andrea is asking the school staff to consider shorter days and opportunities for more socialization. The protocol will be followed strictly and

will become practice within our school. The board would like explicit instruction for students on the protocols. Amy is concerned about our liability for teacher and student medical bills and paid leave. Rob says that CARES funds should cover those costs. Our counselor is receiving training to help students emotionally transition back to school. Teacher gowns will be added to protocols. The highlighted possibilities will be changed to requirements. The board and school leadership want to put the greatest level of precaution in place. Andrea would like to remove the portion of the plan that requires students to have a medical excuse to receive online instruction. The board wants an online option in place and an option for parents to choose between online and in-person instruction. The board would like to delay school start to September 3rd. We will need to follow up with the district for a variance to start outside of the district calendar. Jody will follow up.

-Action item: approve covid-19 safety plan as amended including a late start of September 3rd: Motion: Andrea Second: Saba Vote: aye: 4 no: 0

X. Public Comment

-Jade Esparza: Wondering if the teacher is tested before returning to school and what happens if a student is in quarantine. Bus temp done by the bus driver, quarantine as soon as possible if a person is positive. Jade says that we did a great job last year online compared to other schools.

-Amanda: Supports our decision and is happy we are going back in person with caution. This is a huge benefit that we can do this safely. There was a good possibility that we would lose kids if we did not go to in-person instruction. As long as we can do this safely, it is great that we are doing this.

XI. Proposed meeting date 9/6

XII. Adjournment: Motion: Amy, Second: Rob, Vote: Aye 4