

Members Present: C. Brown, K. Denzer, N. Donnay, J. Gottschalk, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, A. Melendres

Members Absent: S. Mueller

Board Advisors Present: J. Gutierrez, K. Gutierrez, A. Kleinboehl, A. Sachariason

Call to Order

R. Hajlo called the board meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Open Forum

There was one request to speak at the Open Forum: Alison Sachs (parent).

Consent Agenda

Agenda includes the Board Calendar, the board minutes from the February 16 and February 21 board meetings and the Executive Director's Report. Enrollment is down 16 and there have been offers extended to families in 9th grade. Intent to Return forms will be sent out soon to current families, 470 Chromebooks have arrived and being prepped for MCA testing.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: C. Brown
Second: N. Donnay
Approved: All

Approve Open Enrollment Period for 2022-2023 School Year

The open enrollment period establishes the timeline for our lottery pool which includes applications received between the first day of the school year and the first Friday in January.

Motion to approve the Open Enrollment period for the 2022-2023 School Year as August 30, 2021-January 7, 2022: D. Keyes
Second: K. Denzer
Approved: All

Board Election Timeline & Status

The 2021 board election will be Tuesday, May 16. There are two open parent board seats and one open teacher board seat. Board nominations are due on Thursday, April 8 and so far two parents have submitted nomination forms. The names of the nominees will be published in the April 15 Parent Update.

Approve Revised Learning Model Transition Plan

The Covid Response Team/Back to School Committee has made a recommendation to begin 4 days/week in person learning for the Middle School and Upper School starting on March 17 with two days off for transition planning.

Motion to approve moving to 4 days in person learning for the Middle School and Upper School starting on Wednesday, March 17 with Monday, March 15 and Tuesday, March 16 as transition planning days: K. Denzer
Second: D. Keyes
Approved: All

Motion to cancel the Tuesday, March 16 board meeting and move the April 20 board meeting up to Tuesday, April 13: K. Denzer
Second: N. Donnay
Approved: All

There was discussion.

- The School updated the Regional Support Team (RST) on St. Croix Prep's back to school plan moving forward. RST shared the two primary mitigation strategies are still masks and 6' physical distancing; and since the 6' cannot be maintained, we may see more students quarantined with a positive case.
- There was discussion about the Covid variant that has impacted Carver County in athletic programs.
- As of this date, there have been no Covid cases within the school; the number of students being sent home due to symptoms is increasing, but that could be attributed to the season.
- We are waiting for additional guidelines for prom, graduation, and other year end activities.
- Moving to a 5 day/week in person learning model will be discussed at the April 13 board meeting. Administration and teachers need to ensure there are enough resources and time available to support both the in person students and the distance learners.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm: K. Denzer
Second: J. Gottschalk
Approved: All

Submitted by S. Peterson, St. Croix Preparatory Academy