

School Board Minutes

August 27, 2021

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

Members Absent: S. Mueller

Board Advisors Present: J. Gutierrez, K. Gutierrez

Board Guest: C. Westlund

<u>Call to Order</u>

R. Hajlo called the board meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Open Forum

There were 15 speakers at the Open Forum.

Distance Learning Option for 2021-2022 - J. Gutierrez

Administration is proposing a partnership with Cologne Academy for an online distancing learning option for k-8 students. Families who register for this online option with Cologne would maintain their enrollment status with St. Croix Prep for the 2022-2023 school year..

Motion to approve the online Distance Learning partnership with Cologne On-Line Academy: K. Denzer Second: D. Keyes Approved: All

Summary of Covid Response Team Meeting - J. Gutierrez

All in agreement that we need to get the kids in school learning 5 days a week. School is trying to balance those who cannot get vaccinated and those who have the choice. The decision to wait until tonight to review the mask policy was to threefold: to make a face covering policy decision using the most up-to-date information, to better understand what neighboring districts rule regarding face covering policies, and to make the policy decision once a comprehensive quarantine and exclusion protocol had been established by St. Croix Prep Covid Response Team and presented to the School Board.

C. Westlund reviewed the proposed Covid-19 Quarantine & Exclusion Protocols with the board. There was discussion.

Motion to confirm the board decision to maintain that masks be recommended to be worn for the upcoming school year for students K-12: K. Denzer Second: J. Langfield

Motion to end the debate: K. Denzer Second: J. Langfield In Favor: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, J. Langfield, A. Melendres

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Opposed: C. Brown

Roll Call Vote: In Favor: K. Denzer, J. Langfield, A. Melendres Opposed: C. Brown, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes

There was discussion to bring the Quarantine & Exclusion Protocols under review at the board meeting since it was not on the agenda.

Motion to amend the agenda to discuss the proposed Covid-19 Quarantine & Exclusion Protocols: J. Langfield Second: K. Denzer

There was discussion.

In Favor: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, J. Langfield, A. Melendres Opposed: C. Brown

There was discussion of why the Quarantine and Exclusion Protocols differ than that of Stillwater on one point which is if a positive case is unmasked but the close contact is masked and unvaccinated, the close contact should not be required to quarantine.

Motion to amend the Covid-19 Quarantine & Exclusion Protocols that if a positive case is unmasked and has a close contact with a masked, unvaccinated student, the close contact is not required to quarantine: K. Denzer Second: J. Langfield Roll Call Vote: In Favor: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, J. Langfield, A. Melendres Opposed: C. Brown

Masks/Face Coverings - Confirm or Revise August 17 Decision

Motion to require a mandatory mask policy for the upcoming school year for K-8: C. Brown Second: N. Donnay

There was discussion.

Motion to end the debate: K. Denzer Second: J. Langfield Approved: All

Roll Call Vote: In Favor: C. Brown Opposed: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, J. Langfield, A. Melendres

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Since this motion did not pass, R. Hajlo reiterated that the earlier board decision to recommend masks for the upcoming school year for K-12 would remain in place.

Motion to require that all visitors who come to school wear masks during the school day: C. Brown Second: D. Keyes

There was discussion.

In Favor: C. Brown Opposed: K. Denzer, N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, J. Langfield, A. Melendres

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm: K. Denzer Second: A. Melendres Approved: All

Submitted by S. Peterson, St. Croix Preparatory Academy