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Minutes

Emergency Board Meeting: K8

Covid Cases and School Closure

Date and Time
Friday October 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Location

Topic: Emergency Board Meeting - School Closure and Covid

Time: Oct 30, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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The Mission of Global Outreach Charter Academy is to deliver a first-class academic program that offers a unique foreign language and multicultural curriculum, empowering students to have a competitive edge in the global vision.

Directors Present
C. Hearn (remote), V. Budnik, V. Kushnar (remote), Y. Brychka (remote)

Directors Absent

V. Stepanchuk

Ex Officio Members Present
S. Soroka (remote)

Guests Present
A. Korchuk (remote), V. Chizh (remote), annakorchuk@gocacademy.com (remote), dsoroka@gocacademy.com (remote), ichizh@gocacademy.com (remote), lsoroka@gocacademy.com (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

- No public comment

III. Discussion Items

A. School Closure - 10/30/2020

- Mr. David Soroka discussed current school procedure of employees/students who experience COVID symptoms, and test and receive positive results.
- 1 teacher was COVID positive one week ago. The school quarantined the teacher and submitted all close contacts to the Health Department for further guidance on contact tracing.
- As we do in all cases, the school contacted the Duval County Health Department, reported all cases, but did not receive a response until a few days after the initial reporting of the COVID positive case. As per previous guidance to the school, the Health Department is directly responsible for conducting contact tracing of all positive cases in collaboration with the school point of contact, the school nurse.
- A trace was conducted of all teachers and students that were in close contact with the positive case personnel.
- As the school was made aware of more cases, our principal, and nurse did contact the health department, as well as DCPS on what to do with the increasing number of cases this week. Several grade levels needed to be quarantined, because they either received a positive case or needed to be quarantined due to being in close contact with a covid positive case.

- The principal, Mr. David, spoke to Dr. Graham, in the FLDOE department on Thursday at 1 pm to receive further guidance from the Florida Department of Education.
- School recommends to have Friday, October 30th to be closed to deep cleaning and sanitation, and to determine the next course of action due to the increased COVID positive cases.
- All employees will be paid as normal, as agreed upon in their contract for 10/30/20, for the Grizzly campus.

B. Virtual School for 3-8 grades (Grizzly Campus) due to new Covid Positive Cases & Re-Opening Plan

- Ms. Irina, the school nurse, has been reporting all cases to the Health department, and keeping a time frame spreadsheet of all reported staff. All affected staff have already been notified and the Health Department is in the process of contacting all affected staff for further questioning. All affected staff have already been contacted by the school.
-Staff Report: 10 positive cases totaled by end of business day on 10/29, and 12 close contact cases as of 10/29/2020. Total of 22 employees that need to quarantine.
- 25% of Grizzly staff/teachers will need to quarantine due to either a positive case or being in close contact to a positive case. This affects the daily operations of the school.
- The board suggests to come up with a plan to do innovative learning online during the 14 day a time of quarantine for Grizzly campus.
- School attorney recommends quarantining the entire school per the CDC recommended 14 days, while still providing online learning for all students.
- The school currently already has a plan for innovative learning and all teachers already have access to the Google platform which allows the use of Google Classrooms to conduct remote learning.
- The teachers that are not able to conduct a daily online learning for their students, will receive assistance from the staff and A/P, as well as trained Substitute company that has online capability.
- One recommendation was to fully close the school down for 1 week, and to have make-up days for the lost instructional times. A board member worried that too much time off can have a negative effect on the information that the students have already learned and might not be able to retain the information because of the long closure.
- The board suggests to do online learning for 1 week, with the Grizzly campus, and reassess the situation in one week with the board members.
- The principal also suggested one week of online learning and to reassess the situation in one week.
- The school will not be able to provide chrome books for the Grizzly campus due to the short closure time. Parents and students will be encouraged to provide their personal phones, tablets, and computers for the students. Students will also be provided packets to take home during the online learning for week 11/2 - 11/6/2020 if they are unable to connect to remote learning with their teacher.
- All staff will be paid their full scheduled time during the on-line learning for the Grizzly campus.

IV. Action Items

A. School Closure - 10/30/2020

V. Budnik made a motion to Approve the school closure on 10/30/2020 to deep clean and sanitize and evaluate further of the situation.
V. Kushnar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Virtual School for 3-8 grades (Grizzly Campus) due to new Covid Positive Cases

V. Budnik made a motion to Approve Virtual learning for 1 week with the Reopening Plan, and re-assess the situation afterwards.
C. Hearn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Board Comments

A. Adjourn Meeting

V. Kushnar made a motion to Close the meeting.
Y. Brychka seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
V. Chizh