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Minutes

Special Meeting

Mask Mandate

Date and Time

Thursday March 10, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Directors Present

C. Espina (remote), C. Reuther (remote), J. McGill (remote), K. Lieberman (remote), L. Robinson (remote), N. Mughal-Barrows (remote)

Directors Absent

T. Pyscher

Guests Present

C. Kolk (remote), K. Micheletti (remote), M. Mendenhall (remote), R. Rodriguez (remote), dwalker@blainesd.org (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

Additional guests present: Lindsey Westerfield, Italiana Hughes

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Mughal-Barrows called a meeting to order on Thursday Mar 10, 2022 at 4:33 PM.
L. Robinson read the WIHS Land Acknowledgement

J. McGill read WIHS Mission & Vision.

C. Mask Mandate discussion and information

- Mary Mendenhall, MEd, BSN, RN shared a presentation on "Preventive Health at WIHS: Nursing Recommendations"
- 75% of 42 survey respondents strongly support the ongoing mask mandate @ WIHS
- WIHS has been much more aggressive in preventive screening
- Recommends requiring masks or face shields with drape

- [Whatcom Co. Health Department statement](#) excerpt 3/4/22: "**COVID-19 cases** continued their welcome decline in Whatcom County, falling to pre-Omicron levels. While this is encouraging news, we know that there are still many people who are concerned about COVID-19 because of their age or own health issues, their children who are too young to be vaccinated, or their loved ones who have compromised immune systems. Please remember that people have different priorities and concerns about changes in mask guidance, and be respectful and kind to others during this time. Multiple layers of protection (boosters and vaccines, high-quality masks such as N95s, KN95s, or KF94s, and avoiding crowds and poorly-ventilated spaces) are still the best strategy to protect you and your loved ones from severe cases of COVID-19. Keep in mind that a "low" community level doesn't mean that COVID-19 is over for good, especially for people who are at higher risk. In addition, future variants and surges are also possible. Last summer, many of us thought and hoped that the pandemic was over, only to be clobbered by both Delta and Omicron. Don't be discouraged by the possibility of another surge, but also don't be overconfident that we've seen the last of COVID-19."
- Masking will protect immunocompromised community members (students, staff, visitors)

D. Board Resolution

J. McGill made a motion to continue the mask mandate for anyone in the WIHS space until further notice from the CDC.

L. Robinson seconded the motion.

The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Filing with AFT

Cameron Kolk, WIHS instructor

- Teachers have voted to unionize with American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
- The first charter school to move to unionize in Washington State

- Cameron presented the advantages of being unionized

II. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Espina

Documents used during the meeting

- Preventive Health at WIHS 2.pptx