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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Location
Palisades Charter High School - Mercer Hall
15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Or Dial-In Using Phone Only (**Do Not Use Zoom App**)

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice. All items may be heard in a different order than listed on the agenda.

Trustees Present
Andrew Paris, Brenda Clarke, Brooke King, Dara Williams, Jewlz Fahn, Lisa Saxon, Maggie Nance, Monica Batts-King, Sara Margiotta

Trustees Absent
James (Jim) Wells

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee, Juan Pablo Herrera

Guests Present
Amy Nguyen, Chris Lee, Christopher Clausen, Don Parcell, Mary Bush, Randy Tenan-Snow

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Brooke King called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Thursday Aug 5, 2021 at 5:11 PM.

B.

Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Anonymous - There is so much confusion about who and when covid tests are needed. Not all parents are receiving emails. A call should be made to clarify. Pali should be offering tests as a stop in orientation if you want them the first day of school. How will you handle 3000 kids per week onsite to test if everyone needs to be tested weekly or biweekly? LAUSD provides the test within class to all students so parents who can't take their kids after work can get them.The onus should be on Pali to provide the tests to all students during the school day if they are requiring them. Can we require everyone to be vaccinated at school now since most federal and state office are? Everyone should be of age. What protocols are in place when someone tests positive? Does the whole school have to shut down? Will we be back to online learning and fo how long? These questions need to be answered and communicated to the parents.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Changes/Updates in Response to COVID-19

Public Comment - Jennifer Solomon: Requiring all students, regardless of vaccination status, to be tested on a weekly basis is the only way of keeping the virus case numbers down. Pali's current plan allows those students who prove they are vaccinated to forgo regular testing. I think this is a mistake and a missed opportunity to help mitigate the rate of increase of cases. As we have seen in the last weeks, breakthrough case numbers are rising, especially among younger people. Without testing vaccinated students regularly, these numbers will continue to rise and the cases will spread like wildfire putting many at danger and allowing the virus to go home with the kids where higher at-risk individuals may reside. Allowing an entire swath of students to enter campus untested feels irresponsible and I would like to better understand the logic made around this particular decision. Thank you.

Dr. Magee reported that the COVID 19 Task Force has been meeting consistently and will be having a special meeting tomorrow. Discussions have been extensive and do address questions and concerns addressed in public comment. These issues will be discussed tomorrow in order to make decisions in order to be able to communicate to parents.

D Parcell reported that the committee will continue to discuss data and information becomes available. Operations is looking at expanded hours of the PCHS testing site to alleviate challenges of testing the large # of students and faculty. He also clarified that you do not have to be tested at Pali so these are options for students/faculty who are not on campus. Other usual protections/mitigations will also continue to remain. Ongoing

testing will continue to be discussed. J Fahn asked whether the school could mandate COVID vaccinations before it is FDA approved for general use. It was also confirmed that all testing will be free of charge to testees. JP Herrera also reported that the school has received $470,000 from LACOE for COVID testing and vaccinations. Monies will be distributed on a monthly basis and any unused monies will be returned to LACOE. Uninsured testees will currently be covered by the CARES Act. It was noted that this needs to be clearly messaged to parents. L Saxon asked if staff can be notified of COVID testing requirements via email so teachers are aware in anticipation of a return to campus. It was also clarified that additional entry points with extra staff will be available for students/staff when school resumes to assist with clearance. Staggered arrival times will also be encouraged. L Saxon also suggested that there be a "fast track" line for students riding school provided transportation. It was also suggested that testing be arranged by release time for teachers/athletes, etc. M Bates King suggested that Operations go to the bus pick up locations to see where problems may arise. D Parcell also reported that the bus stop times will be extended to 10 minutes vs. 3 minutes to help expedite the process. Testing procedures were also discussed and it was noted that these will be ongoing discussions with the administration and COVID Taskforce.

III. Governance

A. PCHS Independent Study Board Policy (AB 130 Compliant)

R Tenan-Snow discussed AB 130 which was passed. Teachers hold weekly instructional lessons remote/classroom. Credential Teacher and Supervising teacher monitor intervention on a weekly basis. Waitlist generated and accessed according to Teacher FTE - Student ration with high needs students being considered first. Students able to transfer back to traditional classes dependent upon capacity and course availability.
Dara Williams made a motion to adopt the revised Independent Study Policy dated August 5, 2021 to comply with Assembly Bill 130.
Jewlz Fahn seconded the motion.
M Nance asked if there was a plan to more tightly align curriculum if students are allowed by go back and forth through virtual and in person. R Tenan-Snow noted that the school's curriculum is aligned although may not be taught in the same order however it is a different situation if students are coming from other schools. It was also noted that space was limited so it would be difficult to go back to virtual. It was also noted that it is appreciated that students could come back if they felt they were ready for in-person learning but Dr. Lee/R Tenan-Snow noted that switching from Virtual to In-Person learning will be encouraged to do so at the semester. B Clarke also noted that it is important to communicate this very clearly with faculty/students/parents so there is a clear understanding. C Clauson also noted that communication regarding of class availability needs to be clear with students who are considering switching back to in-person learning. It was also suggested that this communication can also be done with PCHS Counsellors. Virtual Academy is currently planning on 105 students to maintain student/teacher ration. B Clarke asked if the school is considering bringing additional support to help R Tenan-Snow. P Magee confirmed that all of these issues are being

considered and addressed. She also reported that the MOU for Virtual Academy is in process and it will be ready for next Board meeting.

C Clauson noted that students are in support of above motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Brenda Clarke	Aye
Brooke King	Aye
Sara Margiotta	Aye
Dara Williams	Aye
Monica Batts-King	Aye
Maggie Nance	Aye
Andrew Paris	Aye
Jewlz Fahn	Aye
Lisa Saxon	Aye

B. Collective Bargaining Update

P Magee noted that the school has reached a tentative agreement which will be brought to the teachers for approval. Once approved by the bargaining unit it will be brought to the Board for approval.

IV. New Business / Announcements

A. Announcements / New Business

Next Meeting August 24, 2021 and Board retreat will be held on Sept. 11, 2021. Both will be held in person.

There was a call for stakeholders to participate in current committees. D Williams and M Bates King agreed to join the B&F Committee. B King also requested volunteers for additional volunteers for committees and Board positions.

V. Board Chair to announce items for closed session, if any.

A. Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation

Board went into closed session at 6:07 pm

B. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

VI. Open Session

A. Return to Open Session

Return to Open Session at 6:30 pm

B.

Report Out on Action Taken In Closes Session, If Any.

No action taken

VII. 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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Margiotta