



Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Sunday March 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Location

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cqx-eyrx-uve>

Meeting Link

meet.google.com/cqx-eyrx-uve

Directors Present

Dante Giancola (remote), Melissa Picone (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

Directors Absent

Susan Dornan

Guests Present

Becky Karkoff (remote), Catherine D'Cruz (remote), Emilie Papp (remote), Michele Spasic (remote), Nipun Chhabra (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Teri Harrison called a meeting of the board of directors of Menlo Park Academy Governing Board to order on Sunday Mar 6, 2022 at 11:06 AM.

II. Mask Requirement

A. Mask Policy

The Board discussed the COVID Task Force's recommendation regarding universal masking and recent input from teachers. Based on feedback received from teachers on Friday, March 4, 2022, an internal poll they conducted showed that 98% of the respondents prefer that the School follows the CDC guidance regarding the wearing of masks, and current conditions (transmission, hospitalization, etc.) both in the building and surrounding community, meet the threshold for removing the universal mask requirement. The Board believes the risk to the School is decreased and we should accept the COVID Task Force's recommendation to temporarily suspend the universal mask requirement effective immediately.

The board asked that the teachers and SEL team work with the students on this change to ensure they are accepting of each other's decisions.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Suzanne McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teri Harrison