APPROVED

Libertas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Special Meeting

Fall Reopening Plan

Date and Time
Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Location
Zoom Meeting
https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5069946767?pwd=QXEvbzlHb0tYZWE4VHl6MCtrVFlGUT09
Meeting ID: 506 994 6767
Password: 12345

Trustees Present
A. Surrette (remote), D. Barrows (remote), H. Zavala (remote), J. Lauren (remote), K. Diamond Kayiatos (remote), L. Davis (remote), S. Williams (remote), T. Curtis (remote)

Trustees Absent
None

Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned
S. Williams

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Hernandez (remote), K. Frett (remote), M. Montero (remote)

Guests Present

Yanela Cruz

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Davis called a meeting to order on Tuesday Aug 4, 2020 at 5:08 PM.
S. Williams left.

II. Review and approve Fall Reopening Plan

A. Fall ReOpening Plan

LD Welcomed and thanked team for joining this important meeting.

The LT Reopening Task Force (Katie, Juan and Yanela) introduced themselves to the Board and highlighted what they have been doing this summer for COVID and school reopening prep.

MM led the team through reopening strategies : Priorities to continue to deliver a high bar of excellence every day , reopening needs to be grounded in LACS mission.
DESE requests : need to submit 3 plans 7/31 : 1) in person 2) hybrid 3) full remote . Task Force realized that fully reopening wasn't possible with safety guidelines, and high risk safe/families in LACS community . How LACS reopens in the fall is a district level decision (for LACS a board decision) By August 10 we need to submit the Board approved reopening plan to DESE.

Safety AND quality education regardless of model, need to be priorities.
LT Task Force's decision making process to determine best reopening model involved : surveys to family and staff, focus groups, task force, guidance from DESE, meetings with community leaders etc,

Feedback from Stakeholders : Families - majority of families want some form of in person school yet 1/4 wanted fully remote and wouldn't send kids in if opened in person. Staff: majority of staff wanted to return in person to some degree however may be nervous about safety, small percentage may opt out of in person teacher b/c they are or care for someone high risk.

Key Metrics : using COVID risk level map and data to drive decision making process . Phased approach with align with Hampden Country . Making decisions on stay open / closed based on data and trends.

Task Force Recommends a Phased Reopening:
Phase 0 - remote for all, Phase 1 : in person work for Leadership (Aug 3-Aug 24), Phase 2: Full staff return to work (Aug 10-24) , Phase 3 remote learning for all students (First day 9/14) , Phase 4 Remote plus - bringing high needs learners back in 2 days/week (10.5), Phase 5 : Hybrid (2 days on , 3 days remote for all students (10/26)), Phase 6 New normal - vaccine and back to full in school teaching.
L. Davis made a motion to To Approve Phased LACS Reopening as highlighted by MM & LT.
H. Zavala seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. 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 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Davis