

Vista School Board Meeting

July 16, 2020 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738 (virtually via zoom)

Board members present: Matt Middione (Chair), Josh Aikens, Eli Milne, Lex Howard, Jacqueline Powell, Dave Hunter (joined 5:35)

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Tech/Finance Director), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), Chris Barnum (VP), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary)

5:11 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions

Matt Middione- Introduced all current and new members of the board.

5:12 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Troy would like to make changes to April Minutes in regards to budget. Eli moves to approve minutes for June 2020, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye.", Jacqueline abstains. Previous minutes approved.

5:18 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eli- Would like Vista Board member information on website updated. Jackie & Lex need to submit a bio, photo, and also get fingerprinted. Britni will update.

5:20 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, August 20 @ 5:00 pm

5:20 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

5:20- Faculty/Staff Changes

No staff changes

5:20- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Spent June & July fixing and updating enrollment, then added kindergarten. 38 students have opted for distance learning, 58 are opting for hybrid, and 960 are opting for face to face learning during COVID outbreak. 1018 is the number of students who would be in the building if all hybrid students were in the building. Matt asks if students can shift their choice mid-year- Sam says yes but it may be difficult to get into certain elective classes based on space/availability. Eli asked why we are keeping our numbers so high with the online only option. Sam explained it's not an additional burden to teachers as they are not in charge of those students, he has hired 2 teachers to focus on the online only students.

5:39- Recent and upcoming events

Digital Back to School Night August 10. Opening building for new students and parents to learn their schedule and drop off/pick up.

First day of school is August 13

Kindergarten screening starts August 17

Teacher training- both digital and virtual- will be held August 10-12

Kindergarten starts August 24

- Board Training

none

5:42-Update on Expansion

Bond finished in July, construction can now start up.

-Student Performance Data

none

5:43-COVID-19 update

State gave every school a re-opening plan to build for the new school year. Sam sent a summary to the board members.

Communication requirement- Q & A recorded sessions every 3 weeks, translated into Spanish.

Notifications for cases that occur in the building- Whatever local board of health requires will be followed, as well as the school's usual way of communicating outbreaks.

Preparations for distance learning- 3 options offered (digital, hybrid, face-to-face), conversion to Canvas.

Plan for red, orange, or yellow- Red/orange will consist of half the students coming Mon/Tues while the rest work at home, Wednesday is an at home day while school is being sanitized, then the second group comes Thurs/Fri to building and the other half works at home.

Large group gatherings are limited and/or presented digitally- Musical will still be conducted in a possibility of many different ways.

Recess & playground- recess times will be staggered. One custodian's job will be sanitizing high contact surfaces, including the playground. Playground equipment is being purchased for each class. Students will sanitize hands before and after

Restrooms- hygiene signs to remind of appropriate handwashing. Schedule for cleaning. Teachers will restrict the number of students going at a time.

Cafeterias- floor reminders to social distance. Small numbers will eat at a time. Limit number of students eating at each table. Cleaning schedule for tables and high touch areas. SANITIZE BEFORE AND AFTER

Transportation- 1 student per bus seat unless they are family members. 28 students per bus. Driver will take temperatures of students before they get on, assigned seats. Sanitize high touch surfaces.

Symptom monitoring- Training set up for teachers and staff- what symptoms are and how to monitor that. Temps will be taken before they enter the building with no touch thermometers. Doors open at 8:00 in order to get all students tested. Class starts at 8:30

Quarantine room- front office is being reconfigured for this.

Masks- Mandated for all K-12 students and employees. Josh asks about mask requirements- Sam will not require certain masks or designs. Just a face "covering" that covers mouth and nose and able to be cleaned- moderate in design.

Containing potential outbreaks- Member of board of health will help with tracking outbreaks at our school if needed.

High risk individuals- Students- created 3 tiers of curriculum, some will receive instruction on 1 location. Adults- enabled some to become distance instructors, some have a change in work schedule, working off hours if allowed. Adjusting

Leave options- COVID related leave will not count against regular leave days.

Summary on School structure and partial closure- 40-page document that needs to be turned into state in a few weeks.

Eli asked about social distancing in the classroom- Sam explained that excess furniture will be removed, desks will be facing forward. Eli asked about social distancing at pick-up- Sam said he has added a 3rd carpool lane, has created 2 shuttle sites, working on a staggered dismissal. Dots in the carpool zones for students to be stretched out while waiting for cars. Eli asked about some of the recommendations that weren't practical- Sam gave an example of re-furnishing classes with single desks or have students sit on dots on floors. Eli asked why all students are still being allowed to return. Sam explained that all of the above-

mentioned guidelines will help with preventing exposure. But that there are also different levels of options for learning based on different levels of comfort of families. Eli says he does not agree with what has been presented and plans to vote no. Matt feels it is a good way to cater to all scenarios. Eli feels like his own children have to be the guinea pigs in order to return to Vista. Matt feels nothing is 100% perfect. Eli thinks we should not have sought to have maximum numbers of students in the school. Sam says he sought to create what was a moderate option. Josh agrees that they chose face to face in order for their students to be guaranteed a spot at Vista. Sam doesn't intend to add any more students than what we already have. If students choose to go hybrid, he will not backfill- leaving some classes with lower numbers. Josh thinks we would have had more people opt for hybrid or home if they had known that they had a spot in the school. Sam says he will re-address that. Dave wants to clarify the issue- Sam needs to know who is and is not in the classroom in order to accommodate those students. It makes it very difficult if students come in and out of hybrid, online, in person. Sam added that he needs to make sure he has purchased enough curriculum for students, as well. It costs about \$1,000 extra per student to educate them outside of school. He feels comfortable keeping classes between 20-25. He feels it is middle ground for what options are available. Eli worried we are ensuring seats won't be available when students change because we are backfilled, and that the hybrid and online students are being excluded from the initial quota, thus making it more difficult for students to get in. Matt asks to make a proposal- freeze all options for now and then send an email out with an apology in the wording, telling parents they can change their position with a guarantee of keeping their place in classes. Board agrees that students should not be able to go back and forth, but can change at quarter dates. Eli wants to know when he's going to stop backfilling- Sam says July, as usual. Eli thinks we should include all students in the count, not just in person students and stop backfilling immediately. Marie noted that elective classes are the lowest they have ever been (but numbers still look good), and she feels confident that students will be able to get their class choices should they move to in person. Eli asks what Sam's initial goal for numbers would have been and Sam said 1000-1030. Eli wants to decrease the amount of people in the building and slowly increase- encourage people to choose online or hybrid learning.

**Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw
- Financials and Budget Review**

6:42 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- FY SY Budget
- Resolution for who is allowed to contract for the school
- Modify electronic meeting resolution
- Approve LEA specific license requests

6:42- COVID reopening plan

As stated in Director's report. Josh moves to approve, Dave seconds. Josh says "Aye", Dave says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Nay", Jacqueline abstains, Lex is absent. COVID reopening plan did not pass.

6:45 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

none

MISC COMMENTS

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

-Mascot update

6:45 PM – ADJOURN

Josh moves to adjourn, Dave seconds. Josh says “Aye.”, Dave says “Aye.”, Matt says “Aye.”, Jacqueline says “Aye.” Unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

To discuss the character or competence of an individual. Requires Roll call vote.