



**Renaissance  
Academy**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

Building Lifelong Learners

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## Board of Trustees Voting Meeting - Minutes

May 6, 2021, 6:30 PM

Google Meet link: (meeting link expired)

### 1. Call to order - 6:30 p.m.

- In attendance:
  - **Directors:** D.Rufo, M.Reynolds, E.Falcone, J.Work, S.Narahari, Y.Francois, A. Bragoli, S.Glick, G.Queen, G.Scott, K.Henken
  - **Administration:** G.Guarino Buli, H.Smith, C.Schaeffer, M.Boyd, C.Herman, T.Behrens, K.Zvorsky, K.Grace, H.Rinker
  - Parents

### 2. Opening statements – Dan Rufo

- None

### 3. New Business

#### A. Health and Safety Plan Revisions.

Dan stated that the Board of Trustees held a workshop meeting last week to discuss the administration's Review of Mitigation proposal which proposes to adopt new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines of 3 feet of social distancing so long as everyone is masked. The CDC's current guidance for schools recommends seating or desks be "at least 6 feet apart when feasible."

RA's overall goal is to maintain a safe environment and safety of all staff and students. Two options were finalized and will be voted on tonight.

#### Options:

1. The school administration will continue in its current status, with no additional students being added to the onsite groups at this time.
2. The school administration is permitted to diminish mitigation by decreasing student spacing, allowing additional students to be placed in classrooms.
  - 2a. The school administration is permitted to diminish mitigation by decreasing mitigation by allowing more students to return onsite, regardless of the country transmission levels (i.e., still insubstantial).
  - 2b. The school administration is permitted to move forward with bringing 5th & 6th Grade groups on campus.
  - 2c. Both 2a and 2b above.

The following is the result of which option each Board of Trustee voted for:

Option 1 as identified above: Shawn, Beth, Greg Q., Anthony, Sujaya, Yvan, Dan

Option 2 as identified above: Kim, Janel, Monica

**VOTE** to amend the current Health and Safety Plan transition plan to allow the school administration to continue in its current course of no additional students being added to the onsite groups at this time.

The motion was made by E.Falcone; Seconded: S. Narahari. six Directors were in favor; three Directors opposed. **Motion passes.**

## **B. Plans for Next School Year**

Dr. Buli provided an update on the start of the next school year continuing as planned – for students and staff to be on campus. Orientation will be similar to past years (pre-Covid-19) but more options will be available to enable parents and students to attend school earlier in order for students to get acclimated to the school, procedures, etc. since several students and families have not been at the school.

The reduction in social distancing restrictions will allow for normal spacing. Administration is determining if full table settings will be in effect or modified spacing will be needed. Increased hygiene measures and additional sanitation measures will still need to be maintained and enforced. Waiting for guidance from the Department of Health and CDC but periods of isolation due to someone contracting Covid-19 should be shorter depending on the individual.

Dan noted that the Health and Safety Plan is only for this current school year. It does not apply to the 2021-2022 school year. If a new Health and Safety Plan is required by the Commonwealth, one will be prepared.

### **4. Public comment**

- None.

### **5. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by E.Falcone; Seconded: G.Queen. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Shawn Glick, Treasurer.