

HYINGHUA ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93980654006>, Meeting ID: 939 896 54006

Board Members in Attendance: Amanda Schneider (Chair), Suzanne Reider (Treasurer), Nathan Bode (Secretary), Cindy Bursell, Eric Foster, Brooke Darrah-Hage, Paul Haller, Joel Luedtke, Joel O'Malley, Evan Owens, Erica Rasmussen and Charles Robinson

Board Members Not in Attendance: Cindy Moeller

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

Public in Attendance: Luyi Lien, Abigail Pribbenow, Jeremy Brewer, Colleen Ebinger, Erica Drake, Karen Lu, Melinda Larson, Chin, Wynee Igl, Britta Fitzer, Seth Werner, Dobbs, Alicia, Shanda Maddock, Katina Kaalberg, Kiera Munk, Samantha, Esther Gfrerer, J. Devon Nolen, Emily Subialka Nowariak, Jenny, Anita Birmingham, Derrick Watrud, Steve Nguyen, Mimi Black, Audrey Raffee, Joe Scartozi, Heather Lynch and AP

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVALS (5 minutes)

Ms. Schneider presented the agenda with two additional agenda items for Mask Policy and Public Comment.

The MOTION by Mr. Robinson to approve the agenda as amended was seconded and passed.

III. Fall Learning Plan Update (90 minutes)

Ms. Berg presented on the Safe Learning Plan that came out from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) on July 30th. It is a localized, data driven approach based on number of cases per 10,000 over 14 days by county of residency. The administration is planning for a Hybrid learning model based on MDE guidance. The Hybrid format will offer students to be in the school two days a week and learning remotely two days a week. The format for the in-school day structure will split students into two groups with Group A attending Monday and Wednesday and Group B attending Tuesday and Thursday. The current structure will allow for transition from Hybrid to either all Distance or Traditional as recommended by MDE guidance.

Dr. Lien presented a few demos of the new online virtual classroom options. Teachers are starting to plan their online curriculum in the new software.

Ms. Berg continued with additional details about the planned learning module. All Hybrid kindergartners will be onsite on Fridays allowing them to attend in-person classes three days a week. An All Distance Learning option is offered to any student at the family's request. The difference being that live Zoom classes will be provided for the days the students would have been in school. Families can switch from Distance Learning to Hybrid at mid-term or the beginning of the new term.

The school is implementing many procedures to allow for Safety at School. These include installing plexiglass in many locations, health check stations, disinfecting public areas often and planning for social distancing throughout the school. The plan is for the student cohorts (14 or less students) to stay in one place to the extent possible during the day. This includes having lunch in the classroom and implementing a no visitor policy. The school will also be contracting for additional janitorial services.

The teacher survey is due today and the parent survey is due the end of this week. The administration will be working on the schedule and additional details as the results of the surveys are received and analyzed.

The MOTION by Mr. Luedtke to approve the Hybrid learning plan as presented by the administration was seconded and passed. Ms. Reider and Ms. Darrah-Hage voted against the motion.

IV. 2020/2021 Calendar (13 minutes)

Ms. Berg presented a revised Yinghua Academy 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. The school year start date would be moved back two weeks. This would allow additional preparation time to transition to the Hybrid learning model.

The MOTION by Ms. Darrah-Hage to approve the revised Yinghua Academy 2020-2021 Academic Calendar was seconded and passed.

V. Mask Policy (5 minutes)

Ms. Schneider presented Policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering Policy. It was recommended that Board Members review the policy before a vote at the next Board meeting.

VI. Public Comment (0 min)

None

VII. Adjourn

Ms. Schneider concluded the meeting.

The MOTION by Mr. Luedtke to adjourn at 7:53 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Nathan Bode

Approved by vote of Board on: 9/21/2020