

# PINNACLE CANYON ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 31, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Roberty Hardy, Mary Schulz, Kelly Atwood, Jody Manzanares, Melissa Jeppson, Ethan Migliori

Meeting began at 5:31 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were emailed to the Board previously. Kelly Atwood motion to approve minutes. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carries.

## **Financial report**

Roberta sent the email to everyone with the school's financials. \$300,000 in the bank. Everything's wonderful. Kelly motioned to approve financials. Jody seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

## **Approval of the Early Learning Plan**

Early Learning Plan was emailed previously to the Board. Melissa offered brief summary. Kelly approved the Early Learning Plan. Jody seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried.

## **Approval of change to Trustlands**

Roberta explained that we were going to use Trustlands for the new curriculum, but since we can use ESSER money for that, we'd like to keep the plan for the Trustlands that includes the tech person and repairing iPads. Having a human being who takes care of the tech, \$5,000 to repair iPads, \$5,000 to purchase apps and money to purchase covers. We should be getting 250 more iPads from a different grant. Basically, it's last year's plan. Kelly motioned to approve the change to the Trustlands Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **New hires in Elementary**

COVID mitigation money (for two teachers) so we have smaller class sizes: Bethany Stallings, Sarah Garvin, Malysa Behunin, Kailee Pendergrass, Natalie Norton. Kelly motioned to approve the new hires. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Elementary Update**

Roof repaired and we'll get a test with this next storm. Bathrooms have been updated. New aides and teachers, we've got a great team.

## **Secondary Update**

Baseball has won a couple of games and Volleyball has won a couple of games. All staff is the same (we're down two people in the English department). Pretty uneventful start to the school year. 16 left for Carbon High and 8 have returned.

### **Mask update / COVID-19 / Vaccines**

We had an outbreak of COVID in our daycare (a 3 year old tested positive) where none of them are vaccinated. We closed the daycare and all the people exposed in the daycare had to go home. All those employees had to go home. We got differing information--first they had to quarantine then Roberta called back and said all the employees are vaccinated. Health Department said that people that are vaccinated can return to work. Many employees had to stay home if they didn't have childcare. We had 22 employees stayed home today due to that. That makes it more of a challenge. Parents have tested positive and taken kids home. Roberta wanted a mask mandate and she was told she had to go to the county commission. Brady Bradford went to the county commission to ask. County commission decided that because of wonderful vaccination rates they would wait 7-10 days. We haven't had parents complain about wearing masks. We asked that they wear them through the end of the week. Some parents kept kids home because of vulnerable family members.

On the secondary there are four places where students have to wear masks due to vulnerable adults (health issues). In the Elementary, two classes were exposed, students were asked to wear masks because of exposure.

We are going to follow the CDC guidelines. We had zero transmission until February last school year. If our parents get mad, not one parent called today. We gave masks at the front door this morning. Our parents and kids are pretty savvy at this point. Asking for forgiveness and not permission. Ready for consequences.

Mary commented that she supported protecting our kids given the recent rise of cases at Primary Children's. Our hospital is full. If we could wear masks all the time, that would be good because we know masks work. Our governor doesn't give us hope that the Legislature will support masks in school. It's a scary time.

Roberta asked that the board come and talk to her about any issues with masks and COVID mitigation. Kelly agreed with a mask mandate for her son and for herself.

The voice recorder cut out early in the meeting, so the board reapproved action items so that we have an audio recording.

USU Eastern requires vaccines but they can opt out.

Meeting closed at 5:58 pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 5:30 pm

