

"Rekindling our hope, exploring our world, seeking our path, while building our community"

(Special) Board Meeting – Northwest Passage High School #4049 August 4th, 2020.

Board members in attendance: Barb Sanders, Charlotte Elva, Kurtis Heerema, Steve Rippe, Vashti Pearson

Others in attendance: Peter Wieczorek, Heather Ross, Andrea (parent)

Absent: Jason Olson, Megan Fredrickson (list Jenny still?)

Call to order: 5:34pm

Mission Statement: Read for us by Kurtis

Public Comment: There was no public comment

Updates from Peter:

- Governor's announcement -- criteria rubric to determine how to operate school in the fall
 - Most recently available case numbers in surrounding counties place us in the recommended category for **hybrid**
- Plan for upcoming parent communications:
 1. Email and physical letter addressing and defining options (sent August 5)
 2. Video addressing plan (released August 10)
 3. Staff will call all enrolled families to discuss their preference (August 12-14)
 4. August 18th Board meeting (Final Decision*)
 5. Family Orientations week of August 31 - based on fall plan
 - a. May include Zoom meetings by advisory, drive through picnic, etc.

* Board's decision may change based on countywide caseload and/or Governor's decision.
- Overview of the information included in the written update going out to families and students tomorrow (see document linked below?)
 - Upon request, Peter's summary of staff readiness for hybrid model - staff are creative, staff have been part of these ongoing conversations about what school could/should look like this upcoming year
 - A lot of unknowns on individual side (ie. "What does this mean for my family?")
 - Significant portion of licensed teaching staff have young/school-aged children at home and/or are over 60 years old
 - Families can opt-in to distance learning model even if we have a hybrid set up and do not need to justify "why" the want/need distance learning for their student(s)
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- Funding Updates
 - **CARES ACT**
 - \$3,256 in GEER monies
 - \$19,614 in ESSER 90% formula monies*
could see some variation since dependent on Title 1
 - \$2,563 in ESSER 9.5% grant monies
 - To be spent within/over a 2.5 year period through 9/30/2022
 - **Payroll Protection Program**
 - \$274,737.67 for the PPP loan*

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- can ONLY be used for staff payroll for a reason like reduced student number decrease
- Not just for immediate needs, for longer-term staffing level maintenance if state funding decreases starting in '21-'22 school year
- Enrollment update: 157 students as of today 8/4/2020
 - We approved the budget based on 160 students
 - Peter is hosting another info night next Thursday
- Covid-19 related supply list
 - MDE will (physically) provide
 - [so it *shouldn't* be a concern that many of these items are on backorder]
 - Cloth masks for every staff and student
 - 3 paper surgical masks for every student
 - Face shields for all teaching staff and half of non-teaching staff
 - One home Covid test per staff
 - (list of items we have purchased and will be purchasing in near future) also in the document linked below
 - sum of expenses: \$3,500

Peter's document: [August 4, 2020 Special Board Meeting - Fall Updates](#)

Future Items:

- Next regular board meeting: Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 5:30pm, Zoom mtg
 - Non-board members should contact Peter if wanting to attend

A motion to adjourn made by Charlotte, seconded by Steve.

Roll call vote: Barb-yes, Charlotte-yes, Vashti-yes, Steven-yes, Kurtis-yes

Adjourned: 6:43pm

Jason Olson, Board Chair

Megan Fredrickson, Secretary
Vashti Pearson, (? temp secretary?)