

Minutes from August 16, 2021
Emergency Board Meeting held virtually
Unity Classical Charter School
1929 W. Arrowood Road, Charlotte NC 28217
Attendees: S. Walker, M. McCarthy, L. Rakvic, B. Butler, D. Goldfarb, J. Young
School Representatives: S. Reddick
Minutes by J. Whisnant

1. CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm by S. Walker

- A. Next meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021 at Unity Classical Charter School
- B. Mission Statement was read by President Walker.
- C. S. Walker welcomed L. Rakvic, our newest member to the board.
- D. S. Walker stated that the meeting would be short as S. Reddick and J. Whisnant are the middle of the teacher meet and greet.

2. ACTION ITEM:

Review the decision we made in July to mask optional based on new data.

- A. Next meeting: Monday, August 23, 2021 at Unity Classical Charter School
- B. Mission Statement was read by President Walker.
- C. S. Walker stated that the board voted on July 25th to open mask optional for staff and students.
- D. Since that time, S. Walker has heard from 14 parents asking for UCCS to be mask mandatory. At the time of the vote, we did not have a governor toolkit.
- E. Our approach has been a layered approach.
 - 1. Church did an upgrade to HVAC for air and ventilation to the building.
 - 2. We hired a new custodian for extra cleaning before staff comes in
 - 3. We are still taking temperatures.
 - 4. Encouraging vaccinations but not mandatory.
 - 5. Supporting that masks will be optional.
 - 6. Remaining vigilant with hand washing.
 - 7. We have some plexiglass. We have moved classrooms where we could stay in pods.

Everything we did last year we are still doing.

S. Walker stated that the news just said the county has issued an indoor mask mandate as we speak.

S. Walker asked for clarification on COVID/Quarantine policy. S. Reddick:

- 1. We quarantine when a student or someone has come into the classroom. It's only that class. Unfortunately, If it was a teacher or IA who went around it may affect multiple classrooms.
- 2. If you have been exposed to COVID and have been symptom-free for ten days. They can then return to the classrooms.

3. Right now, we have our special teachers rotating through the grades. We can make a change and do that.
4. Students or Staff have to wait 2 to 3 days to get the test to make sure that they get an accurate test.
5. We are doing exactly what DHEC tells us to. We also have a separate room and a separate hallway to isolate them if a student gets sick at school.

S. Walker recommends remaining mask optional; however, we must follow the mandate. We will keep our mask optional policy in place to default to once mandate is over.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

1. M. McCarthy. Wants to get on the agenda for next meeting to talk about Big Ass Fans, to consider the cost of adding to each room. B. Butler suggested that we could reach out to HVAC system to see if this be an additional benefit. Decided M. McCarthy to do more research and consult with BCGG, then report back to board

4. Adjournment

M. McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 pm. J. Young seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.