

Academie Lafayette
Board of Director's Meeting
Special Call Meeting
October 26, 2020

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jon Otto, President
Michael Bland, Vice President
Kelly Baker
Renee Schloss
Gwen Poss
Beth McCarthy
Carla Mebane
Michelle Markham

Board Members Absent:

Marvin Lyman
Harriet Plowman
Tanja Heinen

Staff Present:

Elimane Mbengue, Head of School
Jacque Lane
Heather Royce
Maritza Paul
Jean Claude Diatta
Robyn King
Carlos McClain

Meeting Opened

Jon Otto, President, called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Agenda/Purpose of Meeting

Jon Otto, President, gave purpose of meeting. The meeting is being held to review and approve the updated school re-opening criteria. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Mbengue for presentation of the details.

Mr. Mbengue stated that a Re-opening Task Force for which he gave a brief overview of the purpose of the group and the frequency of the meetings; and continued by informing the group that the Task Force consisted of 3 parents 3 board members, teachers, administrative staff, Social workers, building managers, and medical representation.

Discussions involved the following discussion topics:

- How to revise reopening criteria (should we adopt gating criteria or other criteria).
- Next phase based on COVID research, reopening schools and other recommendations

Phase I - Online only – school starts Aug. 25 (online for all students)

Phase II – Hybrid model

Phase III – 4 days in person and hybrid model

Reopening criteria (explanation for each criteria provided)

- COVID research on reopening schools
- Data about reopened public schools in KC
- The gating criteria
- Specificities of AL immersion program

Gating Criteria presented and explained in detail. He gave explanation of what grade levels would be considered to return under the Gating criteria.

Questions from Task Force Meeting

- What type of masks will teachers wear in the classroom.
- Criteria for moving backwards stages (work in progress).

Jon Otto, President, asked for a motion to approve the Academie Lafayette reopening criteria. Discussion followed.

Motion

Gwen Poss moved to approve the reopening criteria. Carla Mebane seconded. Board **VOTED** to approve.

Summary of Task Force Reopening Meeting Topics

- COVID research reviewed and gave detailed explanation of reports from medical professionals as well as reports from local health dept, NPR, KCUR, CDC, CMH and other professional resources.
- Gating criteria discussed in detail explaining the color based criteria chart and gating criteria considerations.
- Data about reopened public schools in KC metro area presented. Discussion followed.
- Concern being addressed regarding lunch time with students and staff (students have to remove masks while eating which is a concern).
- Recommendation of return dates presented and discussion regarding whether or not parents can change their decision on how and when their child will return.
 - Nov. 2 (Hybrid) K-1
 - Nov. 5 (in person) 9
 - Nov. 9 (Hybrid) 2-3
 - 4-8 remain online until we reassess the situation

- Discussion held regarding teacher concerns regarding safety in returning to the classroom.

Overview presented:

- Town hall meetings scheduled
- Backward gating criteria to be adopted for school closure
- Reopening and staying open will depend on numbers and parents will be notified if the situation worsens and we may close.
- Reopening plan will be presented to community

Adjournment

With no further business.

Jon Otto, President, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.