

APPROVED MINUTES

Odyssey Community School - Board of Trustees
Special Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 15, 2021
4:30 PM
579 West Middle Turnpike, Manchester

1. Call to Order

Time 4:31 pm

By Miriam Lewis

Present: Philip O'Reilly, Sarah Althen, Jessica Swann, Annie Busby,
Kevin Bieler, Miriam Lewis, Lisa Kimyachi, Cynthia Merrill

Absent: Lillanya Dantzler, Walter King

2. Public Comment

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None

3. Update on Recent COVID cases

Dr. O'Reilly & Mrs. Busby presented the number of positive cases and quarantined staff and students in the last 2 weeks. Numbers are trending down and no more positive cases have been reported. Based on this information, it is looking like Wednesday (3/17) Grades 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 will be able to return in person.

4. Staff Vaccinations

Dr. O'Reilly reported that many staff members have now received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and are on the way to being fully vaccinated.

5. Needs Assessment Form

A form has been sent out to families and staff to help identify the areas that can be targeted in response to loss of instruction due to COVID. Dr O'Reilly reported that we will be finding creative ways to support students with different opportunities which may include programs such as summer school and/or extended day programs. The grant for these funds will be submitted by the end of the month.

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6. Re-Opening

- a. K-2: There does not appear to be a need to roll back these efforts. Staffing changes for these grades include: Shayna Camiel hired as remote teacher for K&1, Jessica Provera will teach K&2 remotely, and Jessica Swann will move into the role of 1st grade teacher through the end of the year, due a vacant position.
- b. For Grades 3-6 Miriam Lewis suggested an information sheet for parents to give an overview of what Phase 2 would look like. This would be back five days a week (with Fridays still as half days for students). It was decided that the board would check back on this during the regular monthly meeting on March 29th with a tentative date of April 5th as the return for Grades 3-6.

7. Additional Public Comment

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8. Adjournment

MOTION by Lisa Kimyachi

SECOND by Sarah Althen

VOTE unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm