

**MINUTES - September 14th 2020 - TRCS Board of Directors Meeting  
Special Meeting to make decision about return to school plans - Virtual meeting over Zoom**

**Mission Statement:** We will support each student's continuing discovery and development of self and community by providing a learning environment that is relevant, active and project oriented. All aspects of the student's experience at Two Rivers Community School will enhance their natural learning power.

**Members Present:** April Flanders, Paul Fox, Laura Fonseca, Rose Mary Webb, Melissa Thomas, Tara Stollenmaier

Virtually present: all

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Vicki Krueger, Austin Pack, Natalie Oranski (Director)

**Members Not Present:** n/a

**Guests:** Christina Schrader, Heather Visingard, Adam Berk, Rachel Wood, Kelly Snider, Nysie Hurst, Nichole McGuire, Linda Rook, William Ireland, Candice Cook, Christina Schrader

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order by Rose Mary at 5:30pm
- Quorum established with 6 voting members present at the call to order

**PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT BACK TO SCHOOL PLANS**

- Heather Visingard
- Amy Gardner (written)
- Nysie Hurst
- Two anonymous

**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION - NATALIE**

- Virus data and guidance from Watauga Co Health Dept
- Discussed details of positive cases and percent of positive tests calculated by Natalie
- Compared to Minnesota criteria for remote learning vs hybrid/in person learning (under 40 per 10,000 is cutoff - we are in the clear)
- Natalie thinks we should move to hybrid model
- Vicki and Austin presented data about staff ratings of comfort with returning to face to face and hybrid learning
- School info statewide (½ are on plan B hybrid instruction with rest virtual)
- Parent feedback - overall feeling is readiness to return to school (discussed parent opinions in detail from board phone calls)
- Protocols and plans - Mon/Thurs & Tues/Fri in-person groups with Wed completely remote. Health & safety protocols (daily screenings, masks, disinfecting, protocols for sick student)

**POINTS FROM FURTHER DISCUSSION**

- Fears about returning to in person instruction - what if a large or serious outbreak happens - what if the worst happens?
- Possibility of losing students to county schools if we remain virtual while other schools

return to in-person learning

**ACTION: Paul Fox motions to move to Plan B; revisiting the decision on Sept 28th based on county data - MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**ACTION: Paul Fox motions to move to Plan B; pending an analysis of updated county data using the metrics from Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (not exceeding 40 cases per 10,000 using a population base of 65,000). - Melissa Thomas seconded - MOTION CARRIES 5-0 (1 ABSTENTION)**

ADJOURN

- April Flanders moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded Paul Fox – PASSED by consent
  - September 14th 2020 Special TRCS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 8:20pm
  - No Executive Session needed tonight

**Next regular meeting: September 28th 2020**