

CHESTER CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29, 2020

Date of Approval: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Call to Order: The Board of Trustees for the Chester Charter Scholars Academy held a public Board Meeting in Chester, PA on August 29, 2020. The meeting convened at 11:03 a.m. Members of the Board in attendance (at the time of the call to order): President Barbara Klock (ph), Ben Berger (ph), Don Delson (ph), Marilyn Henkelman (ph), Ramona Jones (ph), Dion Lewis (ph), Ellen Milgrim (ph), Alice Turbville (ph), Ian Wilcox (ph) and Head of School Akosua Watts (ph). Special guest in attendance, Jennifer Camp (ph), acting as secretary. Absent: Judy Owen, Joan Richards.

Public Comments: No Public present.

President's Report

Barbara Klock, (President)

- Gave an update on guidance from PIAA concerning athletics return to play guidance
 - PIAA ruled that they would allow fall sports to occur.
 - CCSA will not participate in fall sports
 - Many other school districts have also cancelled their fall sports programs.
- Presented CHOP's policy of percent positive COVIDcases
 - The positivity rate of any given area – of those tested, how many test positive – should be between 1-5% before mild contact sports resume.
 - Currently, Chester is in the 3-5% positivity rate and has 78 cases and 9 deaths.

School Report

Akosua Watts, Head of School/CEO

- Provided an update on the status of CCSA's basketball teams for the fall and winter.
 - Reported that after a discussion with Ryan Fisher, CCSA Athletic Director, and other stakeholders, it was determined that CCSA will not sponsor a fall league.
 - Asked the board to postpone a decision about winter sports until more information becomes available.
 - Asked the board to approve allowing both the boys and girls basketball teams to begin in-house practice and conditioning for the winter season during the months of September and October, two to three days a week, with the following health and safety guidelines which are outlined and available upon request:
 - One team at a time in the building.
 - Temperature checks upon arrival.
 - Personal hand hygiene
 - No sharing of water.

- Regular sanitizing of equipment.
- Sanitizing of gymnasium between team practices.
- All participants sign a waiver.
- There was a brief discussion about the following items.
 - CCSA will work with Latsha, Davis and McKenna to develop a waiver; Akosua will provide a copy to the board for review.
 - CCSA will recommend that coaches wear masks and shields.
 - CCSA will likely fall in line with what other schools decide with regard to winter sports.
 - CCSA has been in regular contact with other athletic directors in the area in order to confirm that all are following PDE, PIAA, and Chester County Health Department's health and safety guidelines.
 - CCSA does not have the capacity to conduct random COVID-19 testing.
 - If any player were to test positive, practices would suspend and all players and coaches would be required to quarantine for fourteen days.
 - If any member of any players' households were to test positive, that particular player would be excluded from practice and required to quarantine for fourteen days.
 - CCSA will continually review its safety guidelines and assess any missteps that might occur in order to determine how to best move forward.

All board members in attendance approved the motion to allow conditioning and practice sessions for CCSA's boys and girls basketball teams, beginning the week of August 31 through to the end of November.

- Reviewed request from 21st Century Learning Center.
 - Asked the board to approve in-person instruction for the after school and Saturday programs.
 - Greener Partners, two days a week from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., instruction to take place outdoors.
 - Darlington Arts Center, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., instruction to take place in the gymnasium or cafeteria.
 - Build Something Different (BSD), one hour tech ready workshops (dates TBD), instruction to take place in the gymnasium or cafeteria.
 - All participants will sign a waiver and agree to adhere to strict health and safety guidelines.
 - A member of CCSA staff or 21st Century administrator will be on site during all programming.

All board members in attendance approved in-person instruction for 21st Century Community Learning Center at CCSA.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion – Barbara Klock
- Second – Dion Lewis
 - Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00pm preceded by Executive Session at 6:30pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Jennifer Camp, (secretary)