



Lutz Preparatory School

A Hillsborough County Public Charter School of Choice Serving Grades K-8

Board Approval of Minutes: 09/23/2021

Board Chair's Signature: *Joyce Wieland*

Director's Signature: *Connie Guertin*

Board of Directors Emergency Workshop Minutes August 18, 2021

- 1) Meeting called to order by Board chair at 6:15 PM
- 2) Attendance:
 - a. Present: Andrews, Gaudi, Kouffman, Moore, Narkiewicz, Paladino, Ramirez, & Wieland
 - b. Absent: Abou-Jaoude & Lambert
 - c. Administration: Mrs. Guertin
- 3) Chair statement: the workshop was called tonight to discuss the current conditions of COVID at LP and the current government policies in place along with a meeting recap of the HCPS meeting that was held earlier today.
- 4) Guest, Dr. John Greene, Section Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine and Senior Member of the Internal Medicine department at Moffitt Cancer Center: gave overview report on the current state of COVID. Answered multiple questions regarding masking and quarantine.
- 5) Guest, Laike Abebe, MPH, CIC, Infection Preventionist, & Dr. Patricia Emmanuel, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist with Tampa General Hospital (part of our partnership with Tampa General Hospital's Prevention Resource and Outreach Program). Gave overview of current state of COVID and TGH PROP guidance on health and safety recommendations. Answered multiple questions regarding masking and quarantine.
- 6) Edward Briggs, Director of Community & Governmental Affairs, RSA Consulting Group: gave overview of the topics discussed at the HCPS Board Meeting on 8/18. The HCPS School Board voted earlier today to make masks mandatory for the next 30 days in all of their schools; with a medical opt out. He talked about some of the local court cases surrounding this topic and that the Governor wants face coverings to be a parent choice. Answered roundtable questions from the group.
- 7) Roundtable from directors.
 - a. CM: inquiry about quarantine, some counties only quarantining positive case, others using 3" and 6". What are the next steps for our school as we know we will be dealing with this for quite a while in the future? Continuation of other health and safety mitigation strategies.
 - b. KA: thank you to staff and faculty for all your hard work, tough situation for our entire LP community. Future may be to review quarantine requirements.
 - c. DK: state has tied our hands; and unfortunately it has all become political. Best advice is to contact your elected officials both locally and at the state.
 - d. JW: toughest on the teachers managing classroom environment and teaching with the additional responsibility ensuring all students wearing masks properly and maintaining health and safety protocols throughout the day in the classroom. Thanked all the staff for their hard work.
 - e. JP, KA, CM RN all inquired about potential changing quarantine requirements.
- 8) Meeting Close at 8:22 PM.