

# NEW LEAF PREP ACADEMY

## Public Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting – October 26th 2021

Present: Dan Christoff, Nicole Siedel, Brianna Simoens, Zack Browne, Courtney Trepanier

Also Present: Paige Christoff, Matthew Christoff, Shea Willmann, Ashley Moll

Paige Christoff called the meeting at 9:04 am

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

A MOTION was made by Brianna to approve the prior minutes. Seconded by Zack. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION was made by Brianna to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Zack. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Community Input 9:06 am Jamie Barke 9:08 am

**Mandatory curriculum** – Started at 9:08 am Paige presented the curriculum issues we have been having to the board. Some parents would like to opt their children out of part of the curriculum that is essential to the state standards and being proficient at the Forward Exam for their age group. Shea Willmann gave an example of how other schools talk about but not limit participation in curriculum such as evolution, climate change etc. The proposal to the board by administration was to understand the concepts of the theories so the children know them and can reiterate for the Forward Exam but they do not need to believe them nor will they be told they are correct. The teachers will all explain how this is a theory and that there are many other theories out there. It was explained by Shea that through the Montessori Curriculum we cannot pullout because these topics are taught almost every year in every grade as a basis for other concepts to build on. There was continued discussion and other school models were examined around opting out procedures. Zack presented an idea on how to give parents notice and resources on how to explain their viewpoints and it not conflict to what the students are learning in school.

Voted on no option to opt out and remove the two lines in the controversial curriculum. Administration will put notice on the website on what curriculum is presented at New Leaf Prep Academy and how it is presented. Administration will touch base with teachers monthly on how they are supposed to present controversial topics. Website changes will be made within a 2-week period. Zack made a motion to approve the changes. Courtney Trepanier seconded that motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

**Quarantine Procedures** - Started at 9:32 am Paige presented the current quarantine policy. We need the board to make a decision on the number of days students quarantine if they do not have any symptoms. Brianna suggested to change the word sickness to contagious illness. Change to allow students to return and be accepted by the administration after a positive if they have one the following. Administration can reserve the right to send the child home again based on symptoms.

1. 10 calendar days have went by since 1st day of symptoms
2. Have two negative rapid tests at least 24 hours apart or 1 negative PCR test
3. Have a Doctors note stating they may return to school

Quarantine within classroom for 7 calendar days from the last attendance. Courtney made a motion to approve the changes. Zack Seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Policy on notice to parents when a student has Covid - Started at 9:58 am Leave as stated. School wide numbers can be requested from the administration staff by email. Courtney made a motion. Dan Seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Policy on household family or close contact who tests positive - Started at 10:00 am remove "CDC guidance". Required to notify the office. In order to return to school when a student has been in close contact they need to have one of the following:

1. 5 days without symptoms
2. Have a two negative rapid tests at least 24 hours apart or 1 negative PCR test
3. Have a Doctors note stating they may return to school

A motion was made by Courtney. Zack seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

**Enrollment capacity and enrollment window** - Started at 10:12 am Paige presented the reasons to open enrollment on December 1st or January 1st. Zack made a motion to open enrollment November 29th. Dan seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Enrollment Policy immediate enrollment for siblings of already enrolled students. Students will loose preference for the rest of the school year once they have declined a spot. The Administration team can now open enrollment to fill classrooms up to the agreed upon capacity as they see fit without board approval. Zack made a motion. Brianna seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the motion; 5-Yes; MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting is adjourned 10:30 am