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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 2020 GO TO MEETING VIRTUAL MEETING LINK BELOW at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

1.1. Deann Barnett called to order at 7:08pm

2. Roll Call

2.1. Board Members: Deann Barnett, Todd Blum, Krisell Creager-Lumpkins, Matthew Pacheco, Alexandra Tomei

3. Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. Matthew Pacheco motions to approve the agenda, Todd Blum seconds. All approve, motion carries

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Return to Learn – Second Semester

5.1.1. Current proposed plan is as follows

5.1.1.1. Elementary – return to in person but be ready for e-learning when necessary

5.1.1.2. Secondary students all on block schedule – virtual Friday for all students with virtual learning ready to go when necessary

5.1.1.3. MS students return in person Jan 5; virtual Friday

5.1.1.4. HS students return in person on Jan 19; virtual Friday

5.1.2. Discussion presented on HS returning first before MS due to them being smaller numbers as well as they have not been able to attend as much as MS this school year

5.1.3. Concerns with the HS student population and COVID cases in the area and not being able to get MS in the building because of potential outbreaks

5.1.4. Questions about being creativity in meeting the needs of HS students and their mental health and whether bringing high school back first is the solution or are there other solutions – do we bring HS back in one week rather than 2 weeks

5.1.4.1. Jan 11 was discussed as a potential for the HS – however, there are only 3 days in school at that point for MS before re-introducing HS (due to PD day Jan 4 and virtual Fridays)

5.1.5. MS has to be more closely monitored by parents or other adults when at home and leaving them at home could be problematic overall for families compared to HS

5.1.6. Focus on developing plans for addressing the mental health concerns across the board but being intentional with the HS students who cannot be in person and creating plans to address

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