

CHESTER CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

7:00 pm, Monday, November 9, 2020

Date of Approval: Wednesday, November 18 2020

Call to Order: The Board of Trustees for the Chester Charter Scholars Academy held a public Board Meeting in Chester, PA on November 9, 2020. The meeting convened at 7:07 pm. An Executive Session took place prior to the public meeting. Members of the Board in attendance (at the time of the call to order): President Barbara Klock, Ben Berger, Don Delson, Marilyn Henkelman, Dion Lewis, Ellen Milgrim, Judy Owen, Alice Turbville, Ian Wilcox, Head of School Akosua Watts and Jennifer Camp, acting as secretary. Absent: Ramona Jones, Joan Richards.

All in attendance participated via video call

Public Comments: Public present included, CCSA Staff: Dan Spangler, Ryan Fisher,; Parents: Sheri Stovall, Lauren Hobson, Keona Goode; Students: Davon Stovall, Azara Smitm, Maleek Stephens, Shawn DeShields, Kevin Miller, Nijah Carpenter, Zachary Howard.

President's Report

Barbara Klock (President)

- Welcomed the assembled group and outlined procedures for public comments, questions and presentations.
- Turned the meeting over to Ryan Fisher, CCSA Athletic Director, and the public.

Comments from the Public

Ryan Fisher thanked everyone for taking the time to meet and discuss the winter CCSA basketball season.

Dan Spangler, CCSA boys basketball coach, gave a brief history of his athletic and coaching career and a rundown of his coaching philosophy, which extends beyond the court. He emphasized the wish of the team to be given the same opportunities to play as other local teams, and asked the board to consider passing the resolution. He also stressed that participation is voluntary and team members who choose not to play at this time will not be penalized.

Sherry Stovall, CCSA parent, emphasized that she and all parents are extremely concerned about student safety and they trust the plan that CCSA has put together. She assured the board that all parents and players were willing to cooperate with any and all safety measures put in place. Her son relies on sports as well as academics for his college prospects.

Davon Stovall, CCSA student, outlined three reasons the players would like to have a season: Support, College Prospects, and Safety. He asked the board to please take these points into consideration.

Questions from the Board

Barbara Klock directed the board to refer to the one-page safety plan created by Ryan Fisher.

The newest safety measure is ensuring that other teams are taking the same precautions as CCSA and are committed to transparency.

There was a discussion around the protocol if a player tests positive for COVID, either from CCSA or another team. Barbara reviewed the CDC guidelines that CCSA will follow:

- If a player or coach tests positive, all involved with the team will be required to quarantine for fourteen days.
- If a member of a team player's household tests positive, only that player will have to quarantine.
- If a player displays symptoms, that player is required to get tested and not allowed to return to play until results are back. If positive, the player, must follow CDC guidelines and isolate at home for 10 days, no fever for greater than 48 hours and resolution of symptoms.
- Studies indicate there is no efficacy in random testing.

There was a discussion around the wearing of masks during play. Several board members expressed concern over the inherent risks of playing a contact sport without wearing a mask during the pandemic. CCSA athletic staff informed the group of the following:

- PIAA may mandate mask wearing; that is still yet to be determined.
- A survey is currently circulating among local teams about agreeing to mask wearing.
- CCSA will be part of a bubble of teams and will only play approximately 10-12 games against teams in the bubble. Schedule of play will allow for cleaning of facilities between games.

A board member asked about protocols for officials and referees. CCSA athletic staff explained that they have their own state mandated guidelines. Their organization is meeting on November 9 and results should be available within a few days of that date.

Barbara Klock asked for any final comments:

- Ryan Fisher stated that CCSA players want the same opportunities as other schools that are currently playing.
- CCSA athletic staff, the parent representative and the student representative confirmed that there is consensus among the broader CCSA community for a basketball season.
- Akosua Watts reiterated her support of the resolution.

Vote on the Resolution

- Motion to vote – Ellen Milgrim
Second – Ian Wilcox

▪ Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

- The board voted in favor of the resolution with the strong recommendation that players wear masks during play.
- Barbara Klock read the resolution.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 18 2020 at 7:00pm preceded by Executive Session at 6:30pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jennifer Camp, (serving as secretary)