

Albuquerque Bilingual Academy
ABA EMERGENCY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022

Board Members Present	Julian Munoz, Doris Cole, Brenda Baca, Jose Garcia	
Absent	Melissa Trujeque	
Others in Attendance	Chris Jones, Kyle Hunt, Danielle Miranda, David Bryant, Esteban Cole	
QUORUM	<u> X </u> YES <u> </u> NO	
Meeting called to order	Julian Munoz called the meeting to order at <u>3:05 pm</u> & Roll Call by Julian Munoz	
Item	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Approval of the Agenda	02/18/2022	Julian Munoz called for a motion to approve the agenda. Brenda Baca motioned Jose Garcia seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
Special Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Approval of Head Administrator to Act on Behalf of ABA GC for Decisions Related to the Implementation of COVID Safe Practices	<u>Jones:</u> Thanks for coming together this afternoon, I do appreciate it. Instead of having the GC approve all of the changes to our COVID safe practices plan, I am requesting this afternoon for the board to give me the ability to make those decisions on behalf of the board and for the sake of the school. The reason I'm requesting this is because we may have to pivot in the very near future and we might have to request that students wear masks again. We may have to make changes abruptly and I want to be able to make those decisions in accordance with the governor's plan on behalf of the school. So without having to reconvene as a board, if there's an order by the governor, I'd like to go ahead and make those adjustments. <u>Munoz:</u> I don't see no problem with that. I guess as far as this were to happen, you'd just be sending out an email to us letting us know? <u>Jones:</u> That is correct.	Julian Munoz called for a motion to approve Head Administrator to Act on Behalf of ABA GC for Decisions Related to the Implementation of COVID Safe Practices. Brenda Baca motioned Jose Garcia seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
Head Administrator Updates	<u>Jones:</u> Thank you so much. I just wanted to inform the board now of course with the new order that was shared last night by the governor. We know that she has lifted the mask requirement; so masking for us is now optional. But of course, it is a local decision and that does require approval by our GC; that is the purpose for our meeting this afternoon. My intention is to also remove the masking requirement at ABA. Of course, it will be optional; it will be at the discretion of individual families of whether or not students wear masks. However, I will be taking action to remove the disciplinary measures from our uniform policy and our discipline matrix. Therefore, what that does is it creates a small revision that masks are no longer a requirement. The discipline matrix will remain but will not be enforce unless the state does choose to reenact that mandatory mask policy. I wanted to let the board know now what my intentions is. Again, teachers will have the option as well. It is up to the safety and security of each individual at this point in time. But my recommendation and my action is to remove the masking policy. <u>Cole:</u> Please, I think for the students who have health issues like diabetes or other types of situations, they need to be with masks. Because this virus can put in risk their lives those students with these health issues. I told my students already, if you have diabetes or problems with kidneys to please please wear your masks. Because the dangerous situation is not over. But I think this is only my opinion for those students. <u>Jones:</u> I appreciate that Mrs. Cole and that will be a part of the guidance that I provide to families as well. I do want to take those underlying health conditions seriously and I do want to encourage that they continue; anyone with an underlying condition of course. I'm also going to encourage our staff to continue wearing masks if they're within close distance with groups of students. I think that's going to be optional at this point but based on the feedback that I've received I do know that a good number of our staff will continue with masking. I do agree with Mrs. Cole and that we are still in the pandemic; there is still risk; there is still danger. However, it's something that I believe strongly that we need to follow the guidance from the state and follow the lead that's been given to us by the governor. I do want to eliminate the masking but I do want to strongly urge people to continue to practice, especially those with underlying health conditions. Part of my communication will also reiterate testing and ensuring that everyone is participating; we've has some success thus far. But I'll make sure to have more of a robust communication when I make the announcement. Again, I appreciate your consideration and for the board meeting.	
Public Comment		
Announcement of Next GC Meeting	Next GC meeting: <u>Monday, February 28, 2022; 5:30 pm</u>	Julian Munoz asked for a motion to adjourn. Brenda Baca motioned Jose Garcia seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm	