



## Minutes of the Peak to Peak Board of Directors

### Meeting (Regular Meeting)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Videoconference: Zoom Meeting

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*The Peak to Peak community will inspire students to fulfill their academic dreams for college, to develop their creative passions and athletic talents, and to become responsible citizens.*

**1. Call to Order:** Colleen Elliott @ 8:02 AM

**In attendance by video conferencing:**

**Voting Board:** Ari Axelrod, Heather Caruso, Derek Cole, Colleen Elliott, Elizabeth Gable, Eveline Grady, Thomas Willetto

**Ex-Officio:** Melissa Christensen, Kyle Mathews, Gretchen Mosca, Kelly Reeser, Sam Todd

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Jennifer Dauzvardis, Ryan Fiore, Traci Schoeneweis and Allison Slife

**2. 8:04 AM Consent Grouping:**

**Approval of the meeting minutes from 11/18/2020 and the High School Assistant Principal Job Description**

**Motion to Approve:** Thomas Willetto

**Seconded:** Elizabeth Gable

**Vote:** The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions

**3. 8:05 AM Kudos/Celebrations:**

Ari Axelrod – I would like to recognize the intensive work that the Safe Return to School task force has done over the last month.

Thomas Willetto – I wanted to thank Melissa Christensen and her crew for her engagement specialist team and their terrific work.

Kelly Reeser – On behalf of Rachel Hirt and the Friends team, I wanted to thank the over 100 plus families that have contributed to the Annual Fund in this unusual year given we are not able to do in person events. Next Tuesday is Colorado Gives Day and we hope our community participates. Grateful to Gretchen for all her efforts and work on behalf of the community. And welcome to Clara Quinlan as the new MS principal.

Gretchen Mosca – I want to thank the entire Puma community. I received a lovely plaque. Thank you. Hopefully, I am leaving the school better than when I joined. I appreciate all the teachers' hard work. I am grateful for the entire team.

Heather Caruso – I want to thank the hiring team for writing thank you notes to all of the people and students that participated in the process.

Eveline Grady – I want to thank all the HOD team that worked on this hire. They spend countless hours behind the scenes committed to finding the best person.

Melissa Christensen – I want to thank all of our administrative and operations team that help keep us running smoothly every day.

Colleen Elliott – I would like to echo Gretchen's comments about gratitude to the entire team and their flexibility in adapting to our difficult environment. I would also like to thank Jen Dauzvardis for all of her efforts on communications.

#### **4. 8:15 AM Public Comments:**

Dorothy Bass – Thank you for putting BOD meetings on Zoom. Would you consider recording Zoom meeting and archiving them? BVSD already does this. Recordings would make it easier and faster for you to create minutes. Recordings would allow parents to listen to meetings at times convenient to them. Please consider recording meetings and posting on the website.

Sarah Boonstra – The BOD is going to spend 90 minutes today. I strongly ask you to consider a full return to school and an expansion of synchronous learning when not in person. The design for asynchronous work is not working as planned. Our students are not getting the state mandated 1000 hours of instruction. Gov. Polis has formed a task force for return to school. Let's ensure our students are also not a victim of this pandemic.

Emily Crouse-Joo – Resident of Broomfield. Parent of second grader and kindergartener. This meeting time is a conflict for teachers who would like to participate. I have formed a pod in the neighborhood to address the lack of schooling. I recommend that the BOD investigate creative solutions to address returning to school. If we cannot do this, please investigate the possibility of allowing families to enroll in another in-person school and still keep our P2P slot for when we return to school. Lastly, our students are not getting much actual work. It is of the utmost importance for our school to reopen in January.

Steve Gibson – Speaking as a parent and person who knows a lot about stress. Chronic stress leads to failure. The pandemic is chronic, persistent stress. I suggest we routinely seek guidance from our staff as to the amount of stress for our students.

Frank Mueller – 2 MS students at P2P. Grateful to have not lost my job and ability to work from home. I am disappointed by lack of schooling for my students. Colleagues express disbelief at lack of in person interaction with teachers. Our students are falling behind. It is impossible to teach a full curriculum in less than half a day. We are not living up to our mission and vision. There has been a lack of responsiveness to parent concerns. Somehow, every other school in BVSD and St. Vrain are able to provide more school. It seems we are being misled about the actual amount of teacher-led school. If learning is actually our core value, our schedule should reflect that.

Todd Dierking – I have several children at P2P. As we work on Q3 planning, we need to follow the recommendations of Gov. Polis task force to get students back to school. Regardless, we should follow the minimum level of time for teacher interaction, similar to BVSD. Our families are committed to education. Through our recent actions and inaction, we are saying we only value community dollars, not our input. Do we still aspire to be a leader in our community, or are we falling short due to unwillingness to act?

**5. 8:33 AM Plan for Quarter 3:**

Colleen Elliott commented that the SRS task force has provided their initial report. The work of SRS was about minimizing risk and reducing potential for transmission when students are back on campus. Task force did weigh in on the risk to students being fully remote.

Kelly Reeser reviewed thoughts for next steps in developing Q3 plans. Main new change is we will differentiate by school level, rather than one decision for K-12. Not making a final decision about Q3 at this time. We plan to begin January in distance learning for at least two weeks to allow for separation from any holiday impact on community spread. We will consider starting to return some students on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Melissa Christensen reviewed plans for the elementary school which build on the successful first semester program. The goal is to gradually return ES students to have half days of in person learning 4 days a week, Tuesday-Friday. Staffing remains a meaningful challenge for in person learning.

Gretchen Mosca reviewed plans for the middle school. We plan to start in remote/distance learning. Starting January 19<sup>th</sup>, we will consider gradually returning some students to in person learning starting with small group instructional sessions, selected cohorts of students starting with 6<sup>th</sup> graders. If these steps go well, we would move to bringing all 6<sup>th</sup> graders back and then possibly 7<sup>th</sup> graders and then 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Kyle Mathews reviewed plans for the high school. We will start Q3 in remote learning with focus on the impact of community spread. We will continue with a cohort model for bringing students nominated by their teachers back for in person learning. From our family survey information, 40% of students will not return for in person learning but do want active engagement with teachers remotely.

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**6. 10:29 AM Curriculum Committee Update:**

Heather Caruso provided an update on curriculum committee planning regarding the process for discussing curriculum delivery in remote/distance learning, gathering data/information from

teachers and families, and providing updates to the full board.

Melissa Christensen reviewed overview of elementary school curriculum delivery this year.

Kyle Mathews reviewed overview of secondary school curriculum delivery this year.

**7. 11:15 AM Board Meeting Reflection**

Jen Dauzvardis commented on assessing Board governance tools and decision-making processes.

**8. 11:00 AM Adjourn Peak to Peak Board meeting:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ari Axelrod

**Seconded:** Eveline Grady

**Vote:** The motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Derek Cole, Secretary**

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