



## COEUR D'ALENE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2021

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy 4904 N. Duncan Drive Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chairman Verhaeghe called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 5:00 PM.  <b>Board members present:</b> Dan Forsgren, Scott MacPhee, Dan Redline, Cheri Rose-Kociela, Amy Verhaeghe  <b>Board members absent:</b> None  Director MacPhee confirmed a quorum was present.  <b>Other attendees:</b> Dan Nicklay, Aaron Lippy, Laura Beyer, Dr. Bill Proser, Teresa Ragan, Gretchen Renz, Dianna Renz, Charles Renz, Tyler Vranich, Huong Mathews, Scout Brown, Gina Brown, Diana McCray, Daisy McCray, Nicole Montgomery, Desiree Glassey, Shanelle Hill, Nicole Rode, Representative Ron Mendive, Kara Claridge, Becky Brausen, Dr. Geoff Emry, Katya Higgins, Caleb Wohletz, Crystal Emry, Dr. Benjamin Mandel, Jenny Carr, Julia Kopczynski, Ben Meine, Laura Meine, Reagan Meine, Brielle Meine
<b>PLEDGE TO THE FLAG</b>	Chairman Verhaeghe led the pledge of allegiance to the flag
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	Chairman Verhaeghe reminded the public that this is not a debate, and that board members are volunteers who care deeply about the school and its mission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Geoff Emry spoke in favor of the mask mandate.</li><li>• Dr. Ben Mandel spoke in favor of the mask mandate.</li><li>• Crystal Emry spoke in favor of the mask mandate and also provided an alumni update.</li><li>• Desiree Glassey spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Diana McCray spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Gretchen Renz spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Jenny Carr spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Ben Meine spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Laura Meine spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Reagan Meine spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Brielle Meine spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Tyler Vranich spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Charles Renz spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Representative Ron Mendive spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Teresa Ragan spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Dianna Renz spoke against the mask mandate.</li><li>• Daisy McCray spoke against the mask mandate.</li></ul>

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Chairman Verhaeghe called for a motion to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021.

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to approve the minutes from September 20, 2021. Seconded by Director Redline, the motion carried.*

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to move the COVID Response agenda item to earlier in the meeting. Seconded by Director Redline, the motion carried.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COVID Response 2021-2022**

Chairman Verhaeghe gave each board member a chance to share their thoughts regarding COVID and the mask issue.

Director MacPhee doubts the effectiveness of masks. He questioned the goal in requiring masks. The school has not had a significant number of students with COVID. Director MacPhee opposes the mask mandate.

Director Redline reviewed the reports Director MacPhee shared. He agrees that masks have a limited affect but supports the mask mandate. He would like to establish a metric to determine when to move from a mandate to a recommendation.

Director Forsgren recognized that both sides have the best interest of students in mind. He likes the idea of establishing a metric. He is conflicted and reminded the audience that there is a lot of internal struggle on the board.

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to drop the mask requirement and allow masks to be optional effective tomorrow. There was no second, and the motion was dropped.*

Principal Nicklay noted that he has heard from many families that want to know when the mask requirement will end.

There was concern about basing a metric on an area-wide positivity rate or other external metrics.

Mr. Mabile suggested highly recommending masks and keeping the metrics internal. If 5% of students are out with COVID, return to masks required.

*Motion: Director Rose-Kociela moved that Charter Academy strongly recommend masks with a return to masks being mandated if 5% of the current student population are sick with COVID. Director MacPhee seconded the motion and led a roll call vote: Director Forsgren – aye, Director MacPhee – aye, Director Redline – abstain, Director Rose-Kociela – aye. The motion carried.*

*[Teresa Ragan, Gretchen Renz, Dianna Renz, Charles Renz, Tyler Vranich, Huong Mathews, Scout Brown, Gina Brown, Diana McCray, Daisy McCray, Desiree Glassey, Shanelle Hill, Nicole Rode, Ron Mendive, Kara Claridge, Becky Brausen, Geoff Emry, Katya Higgins, Caleb Wohletz, Crystal Emry, Benjamin Mandel, Jenny Carr, Julia Kopczynski, Laura Meine, Reagan Meine and Brielle Meine exited the meeting]*

**CPO REPORT**

Vice Principal Lippy shared that the CPO is currently collecting applications from staff for mini grants.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - D. NICKLAY**

**Enrollment Report**

Principal Nicklay shared that current enrollment is 617 students which is a net loss of 2 since last month and a net total loss of 8 since the beginning of the school year. The Academy received the Governor's Learning Loss Grant which is money received intended to mitigate some of the harm from the COVID year of 2020-2021. The Academy chose to

focus on mathematics as the large majority of students who require tutoring need help with math. There will be a math lab open after school run by students for those who need math help.

#### VICE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - A. LIPPY

High school volleyball districts are underway. High school soccer is heading to Caldwell for the state competition. Both the boys and girls are district champions. The middle school cross country team had a great season. Vice Principal Lippy also shared the discipline report.

#### REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Finance & Long Range Planning Committee

The Finance & Long Range Planning Committee met and reviewed the budget and special education funds.

##### Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee did not meet this month.

##### Education Excellence Committee

The Education Excellence Committee did not meet, but will be meeting in November or December.

##### Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is continuing to meet regularly for the April gala. The committee is currently working on securing sponsorships and auction items.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Verhaeghe called for a motion to hold an executive session as authorized by Idaho Code 74-206 sub section A & B.

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to enter into executive session as authorized by Idaho Code 74-206 sub sections A & B.*

Director MacPhee led a roll call vote: Director Forsgren – yes, Director MacPhee – yes, Director Redline – yes, Director Rose-Kociela – yes, Chairman Verhaeghe – yes, the motion carried.

Entered executive session at 6:45 PM.

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to return to open session, seconded by Director Redline, the motion carried.*

Returned to open session at 7:41 PM.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Board Terms

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to appoint Nicole Montgomery to the Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy Board of Directors. Principal Nicklay noted that Ms. Montgomery has been vetted by the administration, teachers and staff. Ms. Montgomery accepted the appointment. Seconded by Director Forsgren, the motion carried.*

Both Chairman Verhaeghe and Director Rose-Kociela's board terms were up for renewal. Both stated that they are willing to continue serving on the board of directors at this time.

*Motion: Director MacPhee moved to accept Director Rose-Kociela's and Chairman Verhaeghe's continuing service on the board. Seconded by Director Redline, the motion carried.*

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included COVID relief fund disbursement and support staff and classified salary index information.

***Motion:** Director MacPhee moved to amend the date and accept the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Rose-Kociela, the motion carried.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Verhaeghe called for a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

***Motion:** So moved by Director MacPhee and seconded by Director Redline, the motion carried.*

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Cheri Rose-Kociela, Secretary