



Special Board of Directors Meeting - August 6, 2020

6:00 PM Room 120

School Mission Statement: STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment. **Meeting to order at 6:04 pm** Members present: Sara Fromm, Aaron Lundblad, Eric Williams, Nate Schwieters, Gwen Anderson, Andy Lyman, Hannah Dornbusch, Matt Chapman, Barika Davis, Suzy McIntyre. Members of the public: Molly Huus

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

A. Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy

II. Approval of Agenda **Motion to approve made by Lyman, second by Davis. Motion carries.**

VII. Business

A. Approve scenario for beginning of school year

- **Dr. Williams spoke about what is going on in the state, heard from the Governor, talked with the Back to School team, met with several of our teachers and we feel that starting now with Distance Learning is the most crucial and safe thing that we can do. The most important thing right now is the student's safety.**
- **It will be Full time 5 days a week with remote learning every day**
- **Student can expect all or some of the online instructions by their teachers**
- **Students will be able to participate in zoom breakout rooms with their peers as well with support from Paraprofessionals.**
- **Ordered 225 chromebooks**
- **Delivering lunch to the classrooms**
- **Carving some space for social time**
- **Activities & sports will be offered, it will be a little bit different.**

- **Schwieters & Anderson talked about:
Social/Emotional, Technology & General topic with concerns from the families for example:**
 - i. **My child didn't get to connect with their peers in the spring/more virtual times.**
 - ii. **Our children need to be back in the classrooms**
 - iii. **More actual class curriculum, not just "fun" stuff**
 - iv. **To have consistency across grade levels, easier for the parents to understand.**
 - v. **Don't think DL should be a permanent thing**
 - vi. **Students learn better face to face.**
 - vii. **Want to be able to communicate easier with teachers.**
 - viii. **Can lunches be picked up at school during distance learning? , among other things.**

Ms.Fromm asked: What is the message to send this out to families? If the board approves it, we will send a message by call and email. We will put together a document with frequent questions and answers for families to have easy access.

Ms.Fromm gave each board member an opportunity to ask questions to Dr. Williams, Dr. Anderson & Mr.Schwieters about their concerns regarding Distance Learning at the beginning of the school year.

It was mentioned that soon we will be getting Reminds or Skyward to be able to reach families with texts.

Ms. Fromm asked the question about mental health services. Our Greater Minnesota assigned staff and Jessica Sowers will continue her service hours As well as the Promise Fellow connecting with children.

Ms. Fromm also asked about sports. Schwieters mentioned that he will be doing soccer using it as a hybrid model but still working on details. We will spread apart all the other sports options and clubs throughout the year.

Roll call vote on scenario opening the First Trimester to approve Distance Learning with the decision to be made for Second Trimester by Nov. 20, 2020 Motion to approve made by Lundblad. Seconded by Lyman. Motion carries.

VIII. Adjourn 7:26 pm

Public Attachments:

 [Learning Plan Resolution 8-6-2020 V2.docx](#)