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Minutes of CASE Board of Directors Meeting of August 7, 2020

Board Members in attendance:

Linda Dwight, Harvard, Chairperson
Peter Light, Acton-Boxborough
Philip Conrad, Bedford
James O'Shea, Carlisle
Laurie Hunter, Concord/Con-Carlisle

Rebecca McFall, Lincoln
Bella Wong, Lincoln-Sudbury
Brian Haas, Maynard
Brad Cozier, Sudbury

Also in attendance:

Sanchita Banerjee
Abigail Desjardins
Members of the CASE Community

MINUTES:

At 9:02 a.m., Linda Dwight called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Peter Light to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 Board of Directors meeting as presented. Rebecca McFall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Public comments:

None at this time

The Executive Director provided the CASE Reopening Plan. There has been lots of relentless work collaborating, networking, and hard work from the team to come up with the Reopening Plan. The presentation touched upon the following; Colebrook held an in person learning session as part of the summer program. The outside classroom setting went well adhering to the guidelines. The plan also covered Reopening Frameworks, planning process, health and safety, engagement, equity, in person learning, 170-day modified calendar, sample of schedules, 6 guiding principle to Trauma Informed Approach, Schema Theory, Hybrid learning, and Remote learning. Sanchita also reviewed the surveys that were sent to staff and families.

Linda Dwight asked what percentage of the staff responses. That number consists of 50% of the staff responded.

The schedule was discussed based on 4 days a week. The remote learning day would be Wednesdays, but CASE would be flexible and work with the districts that host our classrooms. Linda asked how the staff would do the in-person and remote learning at the same time. Sanchita responded that we would work with individual teams to do the best for both platforms.

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Peter Light asked what curriculum CASE was using. Sanchita responded that the curriculum that DESE sent out doesn't work with our population. We have to adapt the curriculum from DESE and come up with high level of individual plans for our students.

Linda reminded the board members that once each district reopening plans are complete to share them with Sanchita so that she can modify her reopening plan if needed. CASE also needs the main cleaning protocols from our host schools. Districts need to put Sanchita on their emergency call list for closing of schools.

A motion was made by Bella Wong to approve the Fall Reopening Plan as presented to the Board of Directors. Brad Cozier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board decided not to vote on the Calendar at this time. The districts will have their calendars and coordinate with CASE.

A motion was made by Bella Wong to approve the Tuition Rates as presented to the Board of Directors. Rebecca McFall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 9:53 a.m. the Board were all in favor to go into executive session and not return to open session.