

RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Minutes
Emergency Board of Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2020

Virtual Meeting due to Due to Governor Baker's stay at home advisory.

Narrative Mission Statement:

What is the purpose of the school?

"...The Rising Tide Charter School provides students with community-based education each day, using the Town of Plymouth as a local yet dynamic textbook which will provide fertile ground for the development of higher-order thinking skills."

Leadership and Governance:

"In accordance with MA Charter School Law, the Board of Trustees is ultimately accountable for the school's educational mission, performance and adherence to its Charter."

Call to Order

Chairman, Chris Schelleng, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Chris Schelleng, Norm DeCoste, Amy Norris, Sean Kelly, Sandy Kozlowsky, and Kevin Hennessey. Also in attendance was Michael O'Keefe, Head of School.

New Business

Given the unexpected change that Plymouth schools made to cancel April break after last night's meeting, the Board wanted to revisit its decision to keep April break. Michael informed the Board that Rising Tide has done more school work than many districts. He spoke with Allison Bagg at the Charter School Office to get clarification on required school days. Michael presented the April 3rd correspondence from DESE regarding April break. Interpretation of DESE's guidance varied from district to district across the Commonwealth. Michael reviewed what other schools in our region were doing regarding April break, which also varied.

Kevin made a motion to observe break as scheduled and finish school on June 25. Sean seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Adjourn

Sandy made a motion to Adjourn. Sean seconded the motion. All voted in favor to Adjourn.