

RISING TIDE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Minutes
Special Board of Trustees Meeting

September 3, 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

This meeting was called to discuss athletics for 2020-2021 School Year.

Chairman, Chris Schelleng, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance were Chris Schelleng, Norm DeCoste, Amy Norris, Sean Kelly, and Sandy Kozlowsky. Also in attendance was Michael O'Keefe, Head of School.

Guests

Kelsey Kincade, Rising Tide Athletic Director

Public Comment

None

New Business

Kelsey reviewed the process that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) went through to come up with their fall sports recommendations. The Cape & Island League voted to have Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, and Golf in Fall I. They decided to move Volleyball into Fall II because they felt it was not safe right now.

Kelsey met with Michael O'Keefe, James Simons, Tyler Post, and Maureen Chapman today and decided Rising Tide is ok to proceed with soccer, cross country and golf with MIAA

modifications in place. Because of field size and distancing guidelines, the focus is on Varsity right now. Remote students are eligible to participate provided they attend remote class on the day of practice.

Sean made a motion that if Rising Tide goes to fully remote, the expectation is that the Fall I sport season would be cancelled pending further review of the Board. Sandy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Michael updated the Board on Fall reopening. We are on track for school opening. Teachers have spent the last 2 weeks (4 days/week) getting prepared to open. Cohorts, advisories, and courses have gone out to families.

Additional correspondence will go out tomorrow to families with more specific details relating to health safety, mask wearing, new state requirements, supply lists, etc. Open houses on September 14 & 15 will be more structured with windows of time to visit based on Cohorts and Advisories.

Movers have put unneeded furniture into pods for storage. We have received confirmation that the tents will be ready by start of school. Teachers will be in school next week getting familiar with technology and participating in tabletop exercises regarding safety protocols. RT is working with the Boys & Girls Club to help with staff childcare.

Sean left the meeting at 7:30.

Adjourn

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