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Education Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 11, 2021/ 7:45 a.m.

<https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/99214045703?pwd=d3FPVFZVL2dzZDdDdXBUEW41cWo2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 992 1404 57031 **Passcode:** 793968

By phone: 1-929-205-6099 **Meeting ID:** 992 1404 5703

- I. Call to Order- Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair
- II. Attendance Recorded
- III. Review of the January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. **Motion:** To approve the January 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- IV. AKF Hybrid Model Update
- V. Regional Planning and Enrollment
- VI. Motion to Adjourn



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Education Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, January 7, 2021/ 7:45 a.m.

<https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/98609414991?pwd=WWJLeGhjZVhqZjMvdmEzRXpabXpuUT09>

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The meeting was Called to Order by Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair at 7:50 pm.

Attendance Recorded: Shelly Yarnie, Bibiche Zagabe-Ndiku, Celia Blue, Amy Emma, Amy Puliafico, Heidi Paluk, Amanda Durkin, Siby Adina, AnnMarie Little, Amelie Tambolleo, Jenn Giusto, Chris Kursonis, Rob Kerr. Committee Members not present: Jie Park

Ms. Yarnie asked the committee to review the December 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes and the October 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes. There was an addition to the minutes from December 10th to include Amelie Tambolleo. Ms. Yarnie then asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2020 Education Committee Meeting with that correction. Ms. Blue made the Motion, Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Ms. Yarnie then asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2020 Education Committee Meeting. Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku made the Motion, Ms. Blues seconded. The minutes were approved.

Ms. Paluk shared with the Committee the Hybrid Model for the District. Safety comes first, social distance is a must and Abby Kelley will resume the Hybrid Model to now include grades 4-12 beginning January 11th. Ms. Paluk spoke about staff concerns, while watching numbers in Worcester and the State. Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku asked if testing is an option, but Ms. Paluk explained that is not sustainable with costs and our nursing staff. Ms. Paluk explained that going forward is important to our students who are struggling here and across the state due to the pandemic and being out of school since March 2020.

There is a concern for staffing as there is not a “pool” of substitutes at this time and other ideas for substitutes have not worked out. It was noted that School Administration will have to step in to cover classes as needed. Ms. Paluk again noted that masks, social distance, hand washing and all other protocols in the District are key.

The topic of vaccines for teachers came up. At this time teachers are in Phase II and it looks like mid- February.



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Ms. Paluk brought to the Committee attention the need for a larger discussion around Regional Planning and Enrollment, as Abby Kelley has learned that to keep Holden in our footprint we need to open enrollment potentially to the Wachusett District. The Committee discussed a timeline of conversations and will discuss this at a to be planned Education Committee Meeting, and at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Ms. Yarnie asked for a Motion to adjourn. Ms. Blue made the Motion, Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.