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Education Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 12, 2020 / 7:45 a.m.

<https://akfcs-org.zoom.us/j/96731227968?pwd=bjEyN3JvanRiM0R0TGZydk1mUFhHQT09>

Meeting ID: 967 3122 7968 Passcode: 662054

By phone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 967 3122 7968

- I. Call to Order-Celia Blue, Board Chair (in place of Ms. Yarnie)
- II. Attendance Recorded
- III. Review of the October 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion: To approve the minutes from the October 5, 2020 Education Committee Meeting.
- IV. AKF's Hybrid Model Update- Ms. Paluk
 - a. Elementary School (as of 11.2)
 - b. Middle School
 - c. High School
- V. Admissions- Ms. Little
 - a. Enrollment Update
 - b. Preliminary Regional Discussion
- VI. Adjournment



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Education Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 / 7:45 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89154021470?pwd=aEtpWnVVRm5ja1FDNlpyMVpBYTEwZz09>

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By Phone: 1-929-205-6099 **Meeting ID:** 891 5402 1470

The meeting was Called to Order by Shelly Yarnie, Committee Chair at 7:54 a.m. Attendance recorded (see attached). **Committee Members:** Shelly Yarnie, Bibiche Zagabe-Ndiku, Celia Blue

Ms. Yarnie asked for a review of the September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes. She then asked for a Motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2020 Education Committee Meeting. Ms. Blue made the Motion, Ms. Zagbe-Ndiku provided a second to the motion. The Committee approved the minutes.

Ms. Paluk began the conversation with where the District stands with evaluating bringing additional students back to school. It was noted that if this is possible, the District was looking at the middle of October as the target date. Right now, the additional students to come in would be at the Elementary school, grades 1-3 using the Maroon and Gold group designations.

At the High School and Middle School, at this time the only students coming in and who will continue to come in are students with high needs. Progress reports are coming out in a few weeks and those will be looked at to see if more students should be coming in.

Ms. Paluk and the Committee acknowledged the work of the teachers and staff for making a challenging educational model work, for getting the kids involved and making this school year happen.

Mr. Kerr shared the details of the MCAS schedule (attached) and noted that there will be logistics to figure out to bring students in to take the test in person later this year.

Ms. Tambolleo updated the Committee on the ELL Program. The District received a Title 3 Grant for ESL families to support family engagement. She noted there are opportunities for families to receive training from staff at AKF on the tools being used by students at home for Distance Learning. Ms. Tambolleo noted that the topics for the training for families came about as a result of staff interactions and experiences with families.

The District continues to improve the translations offered to families, and noted that the translation budget of \$5,000 has already been spent one month into the school year. Ms. Tambolleo detailed how things are translated using local companies and some AKF staff who have agreed to help.

ELPAC has a meeting on October 13th which will offer interpretations for families.



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Ms. Yarnie asked for a motion to Adjourn, which was made by Ms. Blue, seconded by Ms. Zagabe-Ndiku. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m. DRAFT

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2020-2021 MCAS Schedule

DESE has released a tentative schedule for MCAS.

Grades 3-8

Normal testing schedule

Math and ELA 3-8

Science for grades 5 and 8

Testing will take place in April & May

Grade 9

Biology test will take place in June

State still deciding on Legacy or Next Gen. test

Grade 10

Normal testing schedule

Math and ELA

Testing will take place May 18-27

**Biology requirement from last year has been waived

Grade 11

Required to take Math & ELA missed last year

Testing options-January or May (Still deciding best option logistically)

Test will be the Legacy MCAS exam

***At this time, all testing is in person. Depending on the COVID situation we will have to plan for multiple groups to come in safely to take the tests.