



Akwesāhsne Mohawk Board of Education

Our Mission at AMBE is ...
"Ye thi ha hon:uicn – We make the road for them."

Our motto encompasses our vision and mandate of providing our children with the highest quality education possible and "building a road for them" that will lead to success.

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Date: August 12, 2020 Location: Zoom - Online Time: 6:00pm

1. Calling of the Meeting to Order

6:10pm

2. Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwen / Opening Address

Josephine Herne

3. Review and Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Kathleen Papineau

Seconded by: Josephine Herne

Unanimous

4. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees July 29, 2020

A board member asked that I add "Donna asked Chelsea to help with Language but she never heard back from her." This sentence was added to the minutes as per requested.

Moved by: Josephine Herne

Seconded by: Kathleen Papineau

Unanimous

5. School Plans – Resumption of Services

5.1 *Amended School Year Calendar* – The school calendar that was being worked on is out the window. We don't know how long we will be open before the schools will have to close. Maybe we won't have to close, we don't know that. Staff will be back September 1st. At this time, we will do training with them for protocols on intake and academic procedures. We will bring students in on September 21. September 8 – 18 will be used for testing for students by appointment. Presently we are looking at two groups A & B. School days will be Monday and Tuesday and Thursday and Friday, Wednesday will be used as a day to sanitize and planning and also put packages together. We have removed all PD days from the calendar. PD days will be on Wednesday. It was asked by a board member "Why not hold off on the start of school?" Based on nominal roll the students have to be in school for 15 days in September and 15 days in October to receive funding. We already pushed our first day of school to the 21st of September, from the 8th of September. Dr. Paul mentioned that we are doing what all schools should be doing. Also, that this situation is not going change for a while. As per the new calendar board Members were in favor. Resolution to amend school year calendar was moved by Kathleen Papineau and seconded by Josephine Herne.

5.2 *Rescinding School Year Calendar #37* – was moved by Josephine Herne and seconded by Kathleen Papineau.

5.3 *Awarding Tender – Structural Readiness #38* – It was moved by Rosemary Square and seconded by Kathleen Papineau

6. School Plans – Resumption of Services

The AMBE checklist will be available electronically. This was attached to the agenda for a example. Will there be a bus monitor on the bus? Yes, there is presently a call out for more monitors so we can have a monitor on each bus. The bus monitor will be responsible for the screening of each child when boarding the bus. They will also assist the bus driver in sanitizing the bus when the students get off the bus. There will be a seating plan for each bus, and family members can share a seat. If a child's temperature is ok, but the child is coughing will the child be sent home? Most likely the child will be sent home. If a child goes home with a fever, the child will have to go to Community Health and go through a set of questions with a community health nurse. If they recommend that a Covid test be taken and the parent refuses, that child cannot return back to school for 14 days. There is also no Head start this year. If they never been to school, we don't want to scare the child from school. The teacher is going to have a mask on and the parent is not allowed in the school. Children sometimes feel more comfortable when the parent brings them into the school. We will make the no Head Start announcement tomorrow to parents.

- 7. Post-Secondary Update** – Priority list 1 & 2 were funded. There was a little extra funding from Covid. With that we were able to fund priority 3. By doing that it may put us in a bit of a deficit. At this point we cannot fund priority 4. Priority 4 students are students who are not in good standing. They need to make an effort on their own before they will be funded again. They are students that had a GPA below 1.5, or who dropped out without notifying the college or university. Iohahiio will have face to face classes starting in September. We will be meeting with Foundations program to see what kind of numbers they are looking at for September and what their plans are. Iohahiio is planning on opening on Sept 8 to students.

- 8. Staffing Update** – Hired enough people to have a couple floaters. Tamara Canadian will be the A/Inclusion Supervisor and Alida Alleyne will work with the IEP and students. It was asked if the staff member has to quarantine for 14 days, do they use their own time? *Yes, the staff member will use own time.* The teacher's roster is it complete? At this point we are still moving teachers, Donna said she can have a roster at the next meeting on Aug 26, but there is a chance it can still change after that date. There are teachers and staff who are putting negative comments on FB regarding the return to school. They need to be reminded about the consequences that can happen if they continue. Also, there are staff and parents that are taking their family outside the radius than they are going to bring them school?? They need to be reminded also about the 14 day quarantine.

9. Adjournment

8:10pm

10. Ohén:ton Karihwatéhkwén / Closing Address

Josephine Herne