

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: December 6, 2021

In Person

[Meeting called to order](#): 7:09pm by Julie Elliott

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Julie Elliot

Attendance

[Board Members Present](#)

Julie Elliott
Yvette Gonzalez -absent
Xiomara Hadnot
Anthony McGilchrist
Keisha Carter -absent
Kirk Mitchell
Julie Mitchell
Doug Anderson- absent

[Administrators Present](#)

Ralph Gallo
Sonia Torres
Kristina Anders

*present for a portion of the meeting

Elliot- approval of minutes. We have not received meeting notes from 11/8 we have 10/13/21

MilGrist motion second Hadnot

Approved

Ralph Gallo- Director's report

**Covid updates and other business to address. We are currently at full enrollment 351 students
For admissions and lottery 11/18 first in person open house. First in two years. Not a great turn out,
only 5 families. Chance to step back and show our school and all it's benefits.**

Next will be 12/11. Quick tours due to covid restrictions, only classes looked into were kindergarten classes. Majority of families were in kindergarten. Next open house has been published in newspapers and to preschool programs in town 227 current applications. We are anticipating an uptick as it gets closer to the deadline. In hopes of an extensive waiting list which is good.

Covid 19 protocols were shared with the Board last week. There is one minor change and with the winter sports starting up and questions have come up in the league regarding spectators. Ralph and Mr. T worked on a plan with the understanding that adjustments may be changed depending on things changing. Capacity indoors is two adults per athlete. Visiting athletes there is one adult per visiting athlete. This will allow social distancing while games, no siblings or friends will be allowed to attend. As we move into the season, the Board policy reads that the Administration can make changes to this protocol. There may be future leeway however, as the season continues. Cheerleaders will not be traveling with the team. There will also be signage that masks have to be worn as well as social distancing. We will also be posting a list of symptoms so that if they had a symptom they should not enter.

Hadnot asked mask protocol after what was observed today during the arrival of the basketball players entering into the building. The policy is that they can remove masks during the game but while entering and leaving the gym it will be required to wear masks.

Covid 19 testing, reminder was sent today that the testing exists. 60 kids were tested last week, all negative. It is something we are working into the schedule. It worked out well last week for 3rd - 8th graders on Tuesdays and K - 2 on Thursdays. It will be done every week. Only people who can test twice a week are those unvaccinated staff and there are only 3-4 people. It is done in the morning before lunch, this has allowed it to be easier because no one can eat or drink 30 minutes prior. Kids are doing well. The nurses had a great way to keep them from spitting and using lollipops. Since this afternoon 15 more people have signed up. Ralph is hopeful that more people will take advantage of this. It is at no cost to the school or parents.

J. Mitchell- asked about results, only those who are positive are the only ones called. Staff do get emailed results but not the same for students. If they need proof of testing, Mr. Gallo does have the records and they can be sent a PDF from Ralph. It is all housed in the dashboard and needs to be sent from Ralph.

J. Mitchell- "Are they being sent down with other children?" Yes, but they are distanced, it is behind a curtain in the multipurpose room and it is one general area and they are all sitting together. There are people sent from the company to observe social distancing, they wear gloves and sanitize their hands before and after.

Ms. Anders- there are about 8 seats far apart from each other and there are between 4-6 students that go down at a time. Y. Skaff- the teacher gets a schedule of the students so they can plan.

K. Mitchell, "Who are they shared with?" Gallo- "The school and the State receive our positive results. The school is required to share the positive results with the State. The State does get flagged and it is reported."

Vaccination data- Ralph did work it out that parents can upload vaccination cards to the portal. It seems to be working out ok. There are 19 student proofs currently. As students get their second shot, Ralph anticipates more. He advised parents to only enter when fully vaccinated. The nurse has access to this in the case that there is a positive result. With staff, approx 90% are vaccinated. A brief survey was held with the vaccinations 38% have already received a booster. 54% have indicated that they do want to get one 39% undecided 7% of people do not have interest in booster. It is checked on a daily basis.

Anders- HIB update started last month. Case was confirmed, slander tik tok page regarding a student. It was reported by another student for two students involved in making the page. Disciplinary action was taken with the students who were involved. Torres and Anders went and met with the students regarding social media, name calling, standing up for each other, and standing up for each other. 2 day out of school suspension, counseling and parent conference. Another 1 day out of school suspension and parent meeting and encouraged to apologize. Gallo- one of the things we will be doing in the school is a presentation from the cyber cop. Torres- 12/13 workshop for students and in the evening a parent workshop. It is very important for parents to attend, all grade level parents should attend. Pre-registration is in a backpack and there are extra flyers today available. Audience- do the kids need to register? Torres- they all will attend.

Season of Miracles 12/6 there will be a presentation of the celebrations around the world.

12/23 students will have class parties and the winter concert. K. Mitchell assemblies are held virtually for classes that are quarantined. Gallo- as for this Friday with an outside vendor it may be difficult. If it is allowed we will look into it. It will be held in the gym for social distancing. If possible we will have teachers communicate with parents to attend.

Keitel- winter show updates streamed on that Friday the link will be sent out. Everyone in class will be watching as well. No time yet.

Spring musical- call backs a few hours ago, the cast will be announced tomorrow. MArch 31, 4/1, 4/2 four performances as done in the past. Willy Wonka is colorful and fun and we are looking to bring happiness. J. Elliot- when will you open backstage? New year mid Jan- Feb

Quiz bowl- first tournament w 6/22 one student ranked 2nd overall. Was held in CT. We are planning on hosting a quiz bowl tournament at the end of Jan. We have co-hosted in the past but it will be held here. Bergen Winter Classic and will allow students to qualify for Nationals and States. A meeting will be held later in the week to discuss further. The tournament covers itself but we will need a lot of volunteers. We may need up to 12 classrooms and each room needs 2 adults, gophers and runners and controllers of the control room. Date is 1/29 and we are looking for about 35 ppl. J. Elliot- can 8th graders help? Yes we were thinking of them to be the scorekeepers. Keitel is hoping they can be score keepers or runners. J. Mitchell- will any volunteers have training?? For parent volunteers looking to do in a n evening, students within a school day. In CT they have them come early. KEitel wants to do it

prior. This should be finalized next week. J. Elliot- if you need volunteers for the planning just let us know. J. Mitchell- we are in a very good position because of an exceptional participant, in some shape form or fashion we should recognize that individual and it may get other students excited to join later. L. Holloway agreed. Gallo can present at the pep rally. J. Elliot- would you consider calling the suburbanite to get some positive publicity for the TCCS community. PPress releases will be included. We have had stipend staff who can address the publicity.

J. Elliot- do we offer students to the victim? Anders- They were offered through care plus therapist and social worker. The parent declined. This support is standard to provide.

PBIS- first trimester assembly. The highest point earner got a \$10 gift card and a raffle was held for additional cards. Student council reviewed the name calling week. Torres shared that some students were never part of an assembly. ANders- Kindergarteners got a stuffed animal and bischoff's card. Torres- some of the older kids wanted small stuffed animals.

X. Hadnot- presented the minutes from the last curriculum meeting. Stem competition and geography bee are being planned. Correction to number of case managers is 4 instead of 3. Torres- we are looking to compete with other schools.

Presentation of resolutions

Gallo reviewed the meeting with the police department in regards to any changes to the facility that need to be addressed.

Gallo discussed the maintenance of snow removal and salting.

SR 3- grant application fnds regarding covid response, this is formalizing the application itself.

Substitutes

HIB

Acceptance of donation where athletes will have uniforms. They will be school property.

Susan Everett- discrepancy of the rate so \$250 to \$280 which is still comparable to what we would pay for in an agency. A few applications have come in for a permanent placement. It is a very difficult spot to fill and Gallo will provide an update.

PErsoneel appointment to those operating the score board or supporting needs for the game.

Travel for quarantine for the kids. What is the perimitie? Any of the states connected to NJ is ok. IF other states within 24 hours are fine. IF more than 24 hours, they will quarantine.12 families had to quarantine after thanksgiving. This is the recommended area of travel restriction and we are enforcing it.

Y Skaff- are there any documented consequences for any after school activities that do not follow the guideline. GALlo- documented warning but nothing is really in writing. If a coach enters without a mask it would result in a write up and corrective action if necessary.

X Hadnot- question regarding 8am and now 815. With the protocol in place we are avoiding the congregation of students in the building prior to 8:15am. When dealing with large groups of kids prior and from different grade levels it is impossible to track. We want to maintain what we are doing. If things change we may revisit morning care. With the new variant the official notified the department of health to ensure that there is a minimal transmission and this is not the time to become lenient we may revisit.

- A. McGilchrist- are the cheerleaders allowed to cheer without masks? If it is something aerobic they can remove masks, sideline cheering we are still working out the details. For students who are not actively doing something students should have masks on.

IF me and mom come to see her cheer, who is going to stay home watch my kid? You will have to alternate. They are also cheering with two games, one parent can come to one and one another. Going to open up a little more as things change. We are trying to be fair, equitable, and consistent.

K. Anders- posted a special ed maternity leave position if anyone knows of one. Share with the community Feb to the end of the year. MATH, partial resource, partial inclusion

211201 Budget summary

Moved by- Hadnot
Second- McGilchrist
Resolution carries

211202 SBA financial

Moved by- J. Mitchell
Second-L/ Hollway
Resolution carries

211203 Update COVID 19 protocols

Moved by-Hollway
Second-K. Mitchell
Resolution carried

211204 Agreement MOA

Moved by McGilchrist
Second J. Mitchell
Resolution carried

211205 Snow removal

Moved by-Hollway
Second-McGilchrist
Resolution carried

211206 ESSER funds GRANT

Moved by- HAdnot

Second-J. Mitchell

K. Mitchell: Do we have a grant writer? K. Anders is doing so but everyone meets and discusses.

J. Elliot- these are less extensive. These are being offered to the schools in the state. Only other grants would be from teachers directly. It is

K-2 super kids being extended and will be used for consumable resources

ELA chair comprehensive program for k-8

Math intervention- dream box and success maker to be used during boost and those who are not being pulled into a boost group. IT can address differentiation

Evidence based interventions services

Technology upgrades to continue our 1:1 program

More cleaning supplies to address covid and viruses

Coaches to come in and work with teachers on differentiated instruction

½ day PD

Summer program STEM supplies/ after school tutoring program run by our teachers or small group

NEw Hope program

MEntal HEalth care plus partnership

Resolution carried

211207 Substitutes

Moved by- J. Mitchell

Second- A. McGilchrist

X. Hadnot- is this comparable to the public district. Gallo It is comparable to the the District

Resolution carried

211208 HIB

Moved by- Hollway

Second-K. Mitchell

A McGilchrist- what was the timeline from the report to the investigation. We have 10 days to complete the investigation to the school leader and then present it at the next board meeting. Parents are notified that it will be reported as well as results.

Resolution carries

211209- DONATION

Moved by- Hollway

Second- J. Mitchell

Resolution carried

211210- Revised sub nurse

Moved by- McGilchrist

**Second- Hadnot
Resolution carried**

**211211- Personnel baseketball
Moved by- McGilchrist
Second- K. Mitchell
Resolution carried**

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm by Julie Elliott