

## **Bluffview Montessori Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes- August 13, 2020**

BMS Board Members Present- Erich Lippman, Shelly Merchlewitz, Ann-Marie Dunbar, Katie Kinneberg, Meghan Booth, Henry Schantzen, Molly Leifeld, Dan Kirk

Others Present-

1- Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

2- Katie motioned and Molly Leifeld seconded to approve the agenda for August 13, 2020.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

3- Open Forum--nothing.

4- Fall Learning Model--The 861 Board Meeting last night that approved a hybrid-for-all-students model by a 5-2 vote was discussed, as were the reasons for that decision. Henry provided an overview of the StaySafe Minnesota Powerpoint and suggested that the in-person instruction for elementary students and hybrid for secondary would be an ideal option for us. Our space cannot adequately accommodate a hybrid-for-all model, which would probably force us to jump to the next state (hybrid for elementary, distance for secondary) model. WAPS has to provide bussing for whatever we decide to do. Concerns about subs and staffing were discussed. We also reviewed the parent surveys pertaining to preferred methods of return. Henry clearly prefers option two (in-person for elementary and hybrid for secondary), so the board was polled one member at time to gauge their opinions. Teachers discussed their level preparations first and stated their preferences and concerns. Parent and community board members added their input from their respective perspectives. Katie motioned and Shelly seconded that we approved option 2 (in-person for elementary and hybrid for Erdkinder). Unanimously approved, no abstentions.

5- Policy Discussion--Review of mask and FFRCA leave policies were tabled until next board meeting.

6- Additional New Business--none

7- Adjourned at 7:42 PM.