



CEC Governing Board Meeting – May 14, 2021

CEC Fort Collins, 4424 Innovation Drive,
Fort Collins, CO 80525 – 3:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Laura called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with the reading of our mission statement:

Mission Statement

Colorado Early Colleges' mission is to prepare a diverse population of students for life by developing their mind, body and character through rigorous academic studies, and character development activities in cooperation with the community we serve.

All students, regardless of background or skill level, will have the opportunity to pursue a growth mindset that will allow them to achieve mastery and will demonstrate that they can succeed in school, in college, and in their chosen career.

No exceptions. No excuses.

Attendees:

- Board of Governors: Laura Calhoun, Terry McDonald, Arthur Cyphers, Robin Phillips, Jessie Mathis, Papa Dia, Larry Mohr, and Sandra Lee (absent)
- Chief Executive Administrator: Sandi Brown
- Attorneys: Dustin Sparks and Amber DeCarli (absent)
- Other staff as required: Lacey Scadden, Kelly Smith, Stephanie Livingston, Cameron Mascoll, Brenda Rhodes, Hannah Reese, Michelle Fisher, Delight Hockman, Cory Harbor, Dan Hoffman, George Sandez, Jennifer Daugherty, Tom Smith, Collin Turbert, Laura Harris, Julie Formby, Dennis Galyardt, Althea Hrdlichka, Angelika Weiss, Sandi Knowles, and Michelle Galyardt.

Approval of Agenda – Art put forth a motion to approve the agenda and Jessie 2nd. All in favor.

Correspondence/Board Comments – Laura mentioned that she really enjoyed getting to be a part of the CECMS 8th grade promotion ceremonies the previous week in Fort Collins.

Public Comment – the following CEC parents attended the meeting virtually to make public comments:

1. Laura H. – A CEC parent, voiced concerns over school mask mandates, citing Ascent school as a model for not needing to mask students. She asked the board to, “Please un-mask our kids.”
2. Julie F. – a CEC parent, similarly stated that she wants to see our students and her kids un-masked next school year.
3. Dennis G. – a CEC grandparent, voiced concerns that his grandchild/student gets severe migraines from mask wearing. He asked that we please let him come back to school without masks next Fall.



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4. Althea H. – a CEC parent and professional midwife, expressed that she wanted CEC to have waivers for vaccines approved for both students and staff next year. She emphasized the need for choice in this matter and referenced the VAERS reports coming back with dangerous side effects listed. She also voiced concern over masks and pointed out data showing decreased oxygen in students and increased miscarriage and bleeding in teen girls. She said we should be cognizant of girls' health. She also pointed out how masks interfere with deaf students who have the need to read lips.
5. Angelika W. – a CEC parent, she expressed that COVID procedures, school closings and mask-wearing should be a, "thing of the past." She stated that her daughter had a medical reason for not being able to wear a mask, and that new research shows negative effects of mask wearing. She said it feels like kids should have a choice – and that our mission statement should apply to and include kids who cannot wear a mask.
6. Michelle G. – a CEC parent, she expressed that her son cannot wear a mask, and that school online drove kids insane, in reference to how she hopes Fall will look differently.
7. Sandi K. – also a CEC parent, expressed similar views on masks for the Fall.

Administration Report – Sandi Brown provided an update to include:

- Summary of Updates to CEC Governing Policies
- CSI Charter Intent to Renew Forms (CEC Aurora, CEC Colorado Springs, CEC Fort Collins)
- Graduation Projections for Class of 2021
- Summer School Update
- Graduation/Promotion Dates
 - CEC Fort Collins MS Friday, May 14 @ 5 p.m. @ <https://youtu.be/Mvu4bdY4EyU>
 - CEC Fort Collins HS Sunday, May 16 @ 2 p.m. Embassy Suites, Loveland
 - Only Laura, Sandi (and Art, at his request)
 - <https://livestream.com/accounts/29223736/cec>
 - CEC Aurora Thursday, May 20 @ 2 p.m. Colorado Community Church
14000 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora
 - CEC Colorado Springs Thursday, May 20 @ 10 a.m. CEC Colorado Springs Courtyard
 - CEC Douglas County Friday, May 21 @ 10 a.m. Phillip S. Miller Park Amphitheater
210 E., Wolfensberger Rd, Castle Rock



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Finance – Cameron Mascoll

- 2021-22 Budgets – Cameron reviewed process for creating 2021-22 budgets, status of ESSR funds, PPR adjustment for 2017 and 2018 per CDE audit, and budgeting for 9% increase in PPR for 2021-22 school year.
- All agreed on June 10, 2021 for Special Board Meeting to approve 2022-22 budgets.

Board Trainings and Discussion – Dustin Sparks

- Grievance Procedure and Conflict Resolution
- Open Meetings/Sunshine Law
- Send Training Reflections to Brenda by May 21

Board Action

- Approve March 26, 2021 CEC Governing Board Meeting Minutes – Jessie made a motion to approve, Art 2nd, approved by all.
- Approve Board Resolution 2021-05-14A Resolution Approving the Intent to Renew Form and Renewal Contract Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Aurora – Papa made a motion to approve, Art 2nd, approved by all.
- Approve Board Resolution 2021-05-14B Resolution Approving the Intent to Renew Form and Renewal Contract Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Colorado Springs – Jessie made a motion to approve, Art 2nd, approved by all.
- Approve Board Resolution 2021-05-14C Resolution Approving the Intent to Renew Form and Renewal Contract Negotiations for Colorado Early Colleges Fort Collins – Art made a motion to approve, Papa 2nd, approved by all.
- Approve Board Resolution 2021-05-14D Annual Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings 2021-22 – Laura made a motion to approve, Art 1st, Larry 2nd, approved.
- Approve CEC Governing Board Policies – Jessie made a motion to approve the 4 policies listed below, Art 2nd, all of the following policies approved:
 - Safe Schools
 - School Visitors
 - Transportation
 - Employee Leave
- Board Elections – Jessie made a motion that board elections and board officers be rescheduled to the July 16, 2021 CEC Governing Board meeting. Art 2nd. All approved
- Board Offices to be voted on:
 - President – Laura Calhoun
 - Vice President – Terry McDonald
 - Secretary – Robin Phillips
 - Treasurer – Art Cyphers



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Other Business - None

Future Meetings of the Governing Board

- June Special Board Meeting – June 10, 2021, virtual via Teams, @ 7:30 a.m.
- July 16, 2021 @ 3:30 PM – Colorado Springs

Call to End – Laura adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Signed,

Robin Phillips

Robin Phillips, Board Secretary
5/25/2021