

# Camelback Academy Emergency Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1/8/2022

3:00 PM

Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Karen Kordon, Zanndra Enriquez, Daniel Waterman, Julia Hibbs

PRESENT: Karen Kordon, Zanndra Enriquez (Zoom), Daniel Waterman, Julia Hibbs

ABSENT:

Also Present:

It was noted a quorum was present and no public was present.

1. Discussion and Possible Board Action - Temporary, return to virtual instruction

Karen Kordon explained to the board, 18 of the 75-member staff are isolating after testing positive for covid during the week of January 3rd. Another 10 staff members are in quarantine while waiting for results after being exposed or experiencing covid-like symptoms. The loss of almost 40% of the staff has placed a great strain on coverage for students in their classrooms and during lunch and recess.

Additionally, many students have been absent due to illness. The number of students testing positive for covid is unknown. During the week of 1/3, 16 students were sent home with covid-like symptoms and the average attendance for the week was 85%.

According to the Arizona Department of Health, an outbreak on a school campus can occur when:

*"In accordance with Emergency Measure 2020-03, schools, childcare establishments, and shelters are required to report outbreaks to their local health department within 24 hours of identification. The local health department will make the final determination on whether an outbreak is occurring. To facilitate early investigation of suspected outbreaks, please see the following guidelines for reporting cases:*

- 1. Two or more individuals report COVID-19 symptoms to the facility (with or without confirmatory testing) within 14 days and the most plausible transmission mechanism is at the facility.*
- 2. Multiple individuals are out sick above what is usual or expected for the facility without any clear transmission link."*

Camelback Academy would fall under both guidelines. Based on the shortage of adults on campus and the number of cases meeting both outbreak guidelines, Karen Kordon recommended transitioning to virtual learning for a maximum of two school weeks, beginning Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The administration will assess staffing and reported positive cases on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. If there is adequate staffing to safely serve and supervise students, the school will return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. If there continues to be a high number of staff members in isolation and quarantine, the school will remain virtual and return to in-person instruction on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Karen Kordon asked for discussion, questions and items the administration had not considered. Zanndra Enriquez asked if the school was following the latest CDC isolation guidelines of 5 days for positive cases; Karen Kordon answered yes. Zanndra Enriquez asked if the school will re-instate mask mandates; Karen Kordon answered no. Daniel Waterman echoed the recommendation to limit exposure for a short period of time to reduce continued spread and risk longer periods of virtual learning. There was no further discussion.

Karen Kordon motioned to accept transitioning to virtual instruction for a maximum of two weeks and a reassessment on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Zandra Enriquez 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Karen Kordon, Zandra Enriquez, Daniel Waterman and Julia Hibbs voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

2. Adjournment – next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2022

**There being no further business nor public present, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Julia Hibbs

Board Member