

**Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School**

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 6:30 pm

- Location:** By Zoom (pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law)
- Present:** Kate Saccento, Lara Ramsey, Deirdre Arthen, Matt Dube, Dawn Reesman, Rich Senecal, Noelle Barrist Stern, Kelly Woods, Paula Ingram, Sara Schieffelin, Jen Matos, Chris Korczak, Joe Wyman, Kathleen Szegda, Jill Richmond, Tala Elia
- Regrets:** None
- Facilitator:** Matt
- Notetaker:** Noelle
- Guests:** (As listed in the Zoom participant information) Emilie Woodward, Dawn Graichen-Moore, James Boddy, Helen, Amy’s iPhone, Rachel Lauder, Chris Dietrich, Jess Berrien, Cindy Mahoney, Cait, Ian Lauder, Jessica Morris, Andrea Hearn, Ellen O’Neil, Jennifer Hayhurst, Kathleen Hulton, Katie and Scott, Kerri Simonelli, Lily Newman, Marguerite Duran, Mary Price, Meg Colenback, Melysa Friedman, Michaela Litzner, Myssie & Jessie Casinghino, Nina F., Polly Normand, Rachel Maoire, Rebecca Rose-Langston, Tamara Kupfer, Tom, Zoe Klatz, Rebecca Belcher-Timme, Sara Lunt, Ben’s iPhone, Carol McMurrich, Sarah Bittenwieser, Gaby Blaustein, Gina, Tom, J Blue, Winnie Family, Joanna, Jenn, Anne Remick, Tamara Kupfer
- List keeper:** N/A because of “raise hand” function on Zoom

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action (if necessary)</b>
<b>Directors’ Plan for In-Person Learning</b>	<p>Lara presented the proposal dated March 3, 2021 for adding in-person time to the hybrid school schedule.</p> <p>Kelly asked whether the plan addresses the DESE requirement that there be 35 hours of live instruction every 10 school days. Lara confirmed that it does. Joe asked whether the plan will increase on-line learning time. Lara said it will not. In response to a question from Kelly, Lara stated that the plan will not impact the curriculum as imagined during a pandemic year. In response to a question in the chat as to whether this will mean more on-line classes are being taught by teaching assistants, Lara said it has not been resolved.</p> <p>In response to a question from Chris as to whether this is the most in-person time we can provide this year,</p>	<p>Chris moved to approve the proposal as presented; Kelly seconded; the Board approved the proposal by consensus.</p>

	<p>Deirdre stated that this proposal meets the most needs of the greatest number of people at this time. Lara said we will not be able to have more people in the building while maintaining the 6-foot distance and also provide the on-line instruction necessary to meet the required instruction hours.</p> <p>In response to a question from Noelle, Matt clarified that the committee that created the plan will continue to meet to plan for moving forward.</p> <p>There was a question in the chat about what will happen to 6th-8th students if DESE requires more in-person time in April for elementary students. Lara noted that there may be many changes and adjustments between now and the end of the year.</p> <p>Jessica Morris made a statement about how limited in-person time has been for Prisms. She thanked everyone who put the plan together for their hard work. She said that she recognizes the problem has not been caused by Hilltown, but by where society has targeted its resources. Kathleen Hulton agreed with this and said that none of the issues we are currently struggling with have been caused by anyone at Hilltown. She said that there are so many details that Hilltown needs to address, such as making sure there is sufficient time in the day for students to eat.</p> <p>Kate responded to a question in the chat about moving to a 3-foot distance protocol and said that there is always a chance the school will do it, but only in consultation with the Health and Safety Team. Kate said the team is also working on plans for what will happen if students need to be eating lunch at school. Lara said that, at some point, there might be instruction on Wednesdays, but staff is currently very full with planning on Wednesdays.</p> <p>The Directors explained that there is a meeting of the Board of Education on Friday, where the Commissioner will ask for permission to have elementary students return to school full time in April.</p>	
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<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Dawn moved to adjourn the meeting; Joe seconded; the meeting was adjourned.</p>