HCCPS Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

September 9th, 2021 6:30 PM

HCCPS, 1 Industrial Pkwy, Easthampton, MA 01027

Also: Join Zoom Meeting

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The Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School was founded in 1995 as a Massachusetts Public Charter School. Our mission is:

- To engage students in a school that uses experiential, hands-on activities, the arts, and interdisciplinary studies to foster critical thinking skills and a joy of learning.
- To sustain a cooperative, intimate community of students, staff, families and local community members, which guides and supports the school and its educational program.
- To cultivate children's individual voices and a shared respect for each other, our community, and the world around us.

Facilitator: Matt Dube

6:30 Welcoming (read mission statement): (5 min)

Announcements, appreciations, acknowledgements

Agenda Check: Appoint timekeeper, list keeper

Thank You Note Check BOT Visibility this month

Approve minutes from previous BOT meeting

- **6:35** Public Comment period: (5 min)
- 6:40 Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI): (Update) JEDI Group (5 min)
- 6:45 Health + Safety Update: (Update) H+S Team (10 min)
- **6:55** GABS Announcements: (Update) GABS (5 min)
- 7:00 Teacher Work Week Update: (Update) Lara (10 min)
- 7:10 ESSER III Grant: (Update) Kate (10 min)

- 7:20 Board Retreat Review: (Update) Kathleen (10 min)
- 7:30 Q4 Financials: (Update + Decision) Kate (10 min)
- 7:40 Long Range Plan Update: (Update) LRP Team (5 min)
- 7:45 Director Evaluations: (Update) Dawn (15 min)
- 8:00 Employee Vaccine Proposal: (Discussion) Kate/Health & Safety (20 min)
- 8:20 Committee Reports -- Questions Only (5 min)
- 8:25 New Business (5 min)
- 8:30 Meeting Wrap-up/Evaluation/Newsletter Blurb/Minutes Finalization (5 min)
- 8:35 Review Action Items in this meeting's minutes (5 min)
- 8:40 Adjournment

Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School

Board of Trustees FINAL Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, August 11th, 2021, 6:30 pm

Location:

HCCPS and Zoom

Present:

Kate Saccento, Matt Dube, Sara Schieffelin, Kathleen Szegda, Kate Ewall, Kathleen

Hulton, Daniel Klatz, Chris Korczak, Rich Senecal, Joe Wyman, Lara Ramsey, Tala Elia,

Rashida Krigger, Marguerite Durant

Regrets:

Dawn Reesman, Emily Boddy, Margurite Durante,

Facilitator:

Matt

Notetaker:

Kathleen S. and Sara

Guests:

Seth Lepore, Pattie Mars Senecal, Rebecca Belcher Timme, Cait Browne

List keeper:

Rich

Timekeeper:

Chris

Mission statement read by:

Kate

Торіс	Discussion	Action (if necessary)
Announcements, appreciations, acknowledgements	Rashida was acknowledged for her new role as Community and Family Engagement Coordinator.	
Any Thank You Notes Needed?	none	
BOT Visibility This Month?	none	
Minutes	Kate made clarification of what "full-year" meant related to the proposal for staff bonus in the July 22nd meeting minutes.	Joe moved to approve the July 14th and updated July 22nd meeting minutes; Rich seconded; the Board approved the July 14th and 22nd meeting minutes by consensus.
Public Comment	Seth Lepore shared his perspective about the importance of wearing masks in the fall and beyond based on the Delta variant (see letter submitted in BOT meeting packet).	

	Matt shared a letter from Emily and James Boddy (see letter submitted in BOT meeting packet.). Their main questions included: 1) What are the risks versus benefits for our children of extended periods of masking? 2) What are the metrics and conditions under which we declare a start and endpoint to any masking rules? 3) Can we establish a policy that allows for choice and/or circumstantial masking?	
Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI): (Update) JEDI committee	Meg Taylor, Cinzia Pica (parents) and Rashida Krigger (Community and Family Engagement Coordinator) are joining the JEDI committee. Meeting being planned for next week to establish goals.	
GABS Announcements: (Update) GABS	Reminder that Thursday Sept. 9th from 5-6 is BOT New Member Orientation and BOT and BOT Committee informational session/open house. BOT members asked to spread the word to anyone interested in learning more about BOT membership or doing committee work. BOT members are welcome to come if they need a refresher. Committee Chairs were asked to respond to monthly email re. packet materials whether or not they have anything for the packet. BOT members were reminded to update proposals and policies with date and "FINAL DRAFT" ASAP after passing in BOT meetings, and send to Clerk to be organized in Google Drives. Committee Chairs were reminded per OML to send agenda of all meetings to Nicole and Grace to post at least 48 hours ahead of meetings, and to the state at Regulations@sec.state.ma.us	
Annual Report Summary: (Update) Kate	Reviewed the process of the annual report. This year's report has been submitted and will be posted on website after it is approved by the Charter School Office. State provides explicit template to complete. Kate provided context/background for the report. Good reflection on year. Able to partially meet or meet all the pieces in the accountability plan in context of COVID. First year they were asked to speak to whether proportion of students who met proficiency reflected demographics of school. BOT members encouraged to read the report.	

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ESSER II Grant: (Update) Kate	Submitted grant proposal, and it was accepted. (See Domain Counsel meeting minutes for details). ESSER III is due Oct. 4th. Kate will be collecting information from stakeholders for this grant, such as parents, families with disabilities, and others. There are clear guidelines about who they will solicit feedback from.	
Board Retreat: (Update) Kathleen	BOT retreat is next Tuesday from 5-9, location TBD. Agenda: reflecting on past year as a board, debriefing JEDI training with CES, and LRP. Meeting needs to be posted.	
Hiring Update: (Update) Lara + Kate	Lara shared and reviewed a handout regarding the hiring update (included in the packet). Kate acknowledged and appreciated all the volunteers who helped on hiring committees during this process.	
HR Knowledge Sessions: (Update) Matt + Kathleen	Discussed process and findings from exit and stay interviews. Shared slides re. Themes of Staff Listenings Sessions. 31 people in attendance total at 3 listening sessions. Comment about responding to the teachers sooner rather than later as this was a very emotional process for many teachers and they need to know the BOT heard it. Matt said he and Kathleen S. would do that. Clarification that perception of BOT member selection process as discriminatory is incorrect—no one who is interested in BOT membership has ever been turned down. Clarification that school is not governed like a private school—is is governed per the state bylaws. Clarification that design of school is that BOT is made up of mostly parents per mission of school as approved by state, with assist of community and school. Would need to change the mission and charter. Discussion around clarification about private school finding. Question raised if BOT members could get more access to the report for details/context. Matt responded that there is no report. Question about the utility of asking for resumes if it seems elitist. Kate responded that it is a requirement of DESE. Question about if resumes have to be shared with the community, as this can feel intimidating. GABS will look into this.	Matt and Kathleen S. will make a plan to respond to staff re. Findings from listening sessions GABS will explore if resumes have to be shared with the community

Facilities Update: (Update) Joe	Update about neighboring property that Hilltown was looking at (see Facilities meeting minutes in packet for details). Space issue concerns. Needs assessment/community feedback process proposed. Comment that ideas about adding space can become the focus of LRP, and has been in the past. Comments that if space becomes a task of LRP, it will likely be dominant theme again and BOT should consider this because there are competing priorities. All increased space in past was financed by increasing school enrollment (additional students). Different now because cap to have more kids is not in school's control. Comment that it is not just about the physical space of school, but outdoor space for activities as well.	
Long Range Plan Committee Composition: (Discussion + Decision) Matt	Question about how the committee will be constructed. Suggestion of solicitation of members per criteria that is proposed by domain counsel. Clarification that this is an intensive processmultiple meetings a month. Discussion about making the LRP committee inclusive. Question about composition- 3 admin, 2 BOT members, 2 teachers, and 2 parents. Comment that language needs to be intentional and inclusive. Appreciation of reflection on our process, and need to continue to be intentional. Are there other ways we can be flexible so that we can be more inclusive? Should be discussed at retreat. Some history from the last LRP process.	
Mask Policy: (Proposal + Decision) Kathleen	Shared mask policy proposal (proposal in packet). Not a requirement from the state currently. Conflicting recommendation from health professionals. Background shared about the Health and Safety Committee. Shared two proposals. Lara shared a decision tree re. how decisions are made. Mask policy falls under Health and Safety team purview. Discussion about the merits of the two proposals. Clarification of who is on the Health and Safety Team- 3 voting BOT members who are also health care/public health experts (Tala, Kate, Kathleen) and two non-voting members/school administrators (Lara and Kate), and Nurse Mary. Hard for the committee to bring everything to BOT in real time b/c things move quickly. Highlighting the need to be nimble in light of changing and new information and the H and S committee are the experts who are qualified to read and understand the literature. Lara shared about questions that are already coming up: e.g. quarantining, distance while eating, use of	Dan moved to approve the policy as amended; Chris seconded; the Board approved the amended mask policy by consensus. Final draft of policy will be sent to clerk (Emily and Sara) ASAP

	lockers, etc. Comment that it is important to clarify why this is better than following the Easthampton Public Schools. Questions about what decisions need to go through H and S committee. Discussion re. what is considered an emergency? Discussion about importance of transparency and good communication about why/how decisions were made. Suggestion for having a standing agenda item from the H and S committee where they provide updates to the BOT. Lara offered an amended proposal which states: In the absence of requirements from DESE related to masking and/or other COVID health & safety protocols, or in case of conflicting recommendations, the Board empowers the Health and Safety Committee to make decisions.	II
Committee Reports Questions Only	Request to add to minutes who was present at facilitate committee meeting	Joe will add to facilities meeting minutes who was present
New Business	Director eval report, financial information	
Meeting Wrap-Up/ Evaluation	Next Meetings: Thursday Sept. 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in-person and zoom Facilitator: Matt Snacks: XX Drinks: XX Newsletter blurb: Jo	
Review Action Items	Reviewed action items.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.	Joe motioned to adjourn; Kathleen seconded; the meeting was adjourned.

Tentative Agenda Topics for September 9th, 2021 Board Meeting: Director eval report, financial information

Dear members of the Hilltown Cooperative Charter School Health and Safety Committee,

My name is Nina Gordon. I am a new Teaching Assistant, working in the Reds classroom. I am the parent of an 8-year old child who attends a different school. I am aware that some staff members currently working at Hilltown are not vaccinated for COVID. This makes me feel extremely uncomfortable. Considering that the more contagious delta variant is now prevalent in our community, that Hampshire County is again at high risk for transmission, and finally that many staff have children in our families who are too young to be vaccinated (along with our students), I strongly urge you to pass a policy requiring all staff to be vaccinated for COVID as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely, Nina Gordon I'm sure you've all heard the story about the teacher in California who infected 12 of their 22 students, and likely many of you know someone who's died or who is experienced "Long COVID" and continued to have symptoms 4 months or longer after getting COVID.

You might not have heard that 40% of COVID infections in Florida were children under 18 in the weeks following school restarting.

Many states and districts around the country are requiring that all staff members and any professionals who enter the building be vaccinated.

Unfortunately, our governor continues to neglect his responsibility and waited until August 31st to let us know that he was going to leave it up to individual districts and charter schools. This lack of leadership puts Hilltown in the uncomfortable position of needing to scramble to do what the state (or federal) government should have already done and require that ALL staff vaccinated and that ALL professionals who enter the building be vaccinated.

The number one mission of any community should be to protect our most vulnerable. At Hilltown the most vulnerable members of our community are the over 150 young bodies who are too young to get the vaccine and be protected.

The vision of Hilltown is to "Creating an intimate community of students, staff, and families.", so I'm asking the board to make the choice that I'm sure every one of you know is the right choice.

The choice to believe in science.

The choice to protect the health of the many over the fears of a few.

The choice to do what so many other states and districts have done.

The choice to require that every staff member, volunteer, or professional show proof of vaccination before entering the building and endangering our children. Vaccines are plentiful and there's no reason 100% of our staff can't be vaccinated by November 1st.

Please don't endanger our children.

Please cast your vote to create a SAFE community for all our children.

Thank you,

Jason Mark, Parent Reds



JEDI Committee

Purpose: To ensure a JEDI lens is incorporated into Board of Trustees governance activities and functions. Research and recommend JEDI practices related to school governance.

Responsibilities and Goals:

- 1. Advise Board of Trustees Committees on incorporating JEDI into their work
- 2. Recommend and coordinate ongoing JEDI related education and training for Board of Trustees
- 3. Support Board of Trustees JEDI engagement with school community
- 4. Research and recommend JEDI best practices related to governance or Board of Trustees activities
- 5. Coordinate JEDI activities with staff Equity Committee and administration to ensure continuity of JEDI activities across the school community at student and family, staff, administration and Board levels

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Week Before Children (Wednesday-Wednesday)

last updated 8/24/21

August 25-September 1

Yellows & Greens Integration in Marguerite, Rashida, Seana) in Return to Shared Agreements development and school goals Songbook Organizational Meeting (Beth, Aram, Equity Team Meeting Location TBA Prioritize professional Kindergarten Practice Small School Space the music room 10:00-11:00 11:30-12:00 Staff Council 12:30-2:00 9:30-10:00 for the year 9:00-11:00 2:30-3:30 the Atelier Wednesday, 9/1 New TAs meet with Rashida & All Staff: there will be breaks! Recess rules and expectations, Confidentiality, Civil Rights) Workshop new K-5 classroom New staff meet with Emilie lunch rules & expectations, Workshop all K-5 classroom Epi-pens/Nurse's updates behavior, bullying policy safety protocols, student Collaborative Classroom Collaborative Classroom In the All School Space teachers location TBD Employee Handbook teachers location TBD (Personnel Policies, Morning: FTE only Sub coverage 9:30-11:00 12:30-4:00 (All School) 8:30-9:30 Skylab 11:15 Kate Fuesday, 8/31 Shannon, Nina, Michaela in the Cait meets with Gina, Emily E., First Day with Whole Staff Locations for lunch/snack Light Breakfast-Optional Introductions & Building Zoe, Kate K., Charnelle, Y/G SST in the Yellows Reds & Oranges SST B/I SST in the Blues Resonance Practice Shared Agreements COVID protocols Drop-off/Pick-up Prisms Integration COVID testing Staff Meeting 10:45-12:00 10:10-10:40 in the Atclier 9:40-10:10 12:30-2:00 3:10-4:00 in the Reds 2:10-3:00 8:30-9:30 Oranges All School All School All School Monday, 8/30 Humanities/ELA Meeting Homework Expectations Meeting for new teachers in the Prisms ELA room (Beth, Peter, Gina, Kerri, in the Humanities room Meeting for Mentors Small School Space Emily L, Rachel) 4th-8th grade in the Purples 12:30-1:30 2:00-3:00 8:30-9:30 FTE Only Friday, 8/27 improving Progress Reports Reds & Oranges Integration Prisms SST in the Science Lab Blues & Indigos Integration Purples SST in the Purples Interested in working on Teachers meet with Seana K-5 Meeting about class organizational meeting this year? Come to an in Small School Space In Small School space Purples Integration schedules in the Reds SERS Team Meets Covid Meeting in the Atelier location TBD 11:30-12:00 in the Oranges 10:30-11:30 in the Yellows. 10:00-10:30 2:00-3:00 3:00-4:00 1:00-1:45 8:30-9:30 in the Blues Thursday, 8/26 8:30--9:30 Introductions & 2:30 Prisms HR teacher & Prisms & Purples Meeting Light Breakfast-Optional Emily L meet with Cait in the Prisms math room in Prisms math room Teacher Workshop about the schedule "Vision Building" location TBD 12:30-2:00 location TBD Ice Breakers 3:00-4:00 8:00-8:30 Wednesday, 8/25

Week Before Children Fall 2021 (Monday-Wednesday) check for updates

Monday, 8/30	Tuesday, 8/31	Wednesday, 9/1
First Day with Whole Staff	Morning: FTE only	9.00.11.00
8:00-8:30 Light Breakfast- Optional	8:00-9:20 Collaborative Classroom Workshop new K-5 classroom teachers <i>in the Indigos</i>	Kindergarten Practice (20 new, young students will be in the school)
8:30-9:30 Introductions & Building Shared Agreements All School	8:30-9:30 New TAs meet with Rashida & Kate All School	9:30-10:00 Songbook Organizational Meeting (Beth, Aram, Marguerite, Rashida, Seana) <i>in the music room</i>
9:40-10:10 B/I SST in the Blues 10:10-10:40	9:30-11:00 Collaborative Classroom Consultant available <i>in the Greens</i>	10:00-11:00 Yellows & Greens Integration <i>in the Atclier</i>
Cait meets with Gina, Emily E., Zoe, Kate K., Charnelle, Shannon, Nina, Michaela in the Oranges 10:45-12:00 Resonance Practice All School	11:15 New staff meet with Emilie (school counselor) All School	11:30-12:00 Staff Council Everyone, All School
Staff Meeting COVID protocols COVID protocols COVID resting Drop-off/Pick-up Locations for lunch/snack All School 2:10-3:00 Y/G SST in the Yellows Prisms Integration in the Atelier 3:10-4:00 Reds & Oranges SST in the Reds	All Staff: there will be breaks! Epi-pens/Nurse's updates Employee Handbook (Personnel Policies, Confidentiality, Civil Rights) Sub coverage Recess rules and expectations, lunch rules & expectations, safety protocols, student behavior, bullying policy Skylab (All School)	12:30-2:00 Return to Shared Agreements Prioritize professional development and school goals for the year All School 2:30-3:30 Equity Team Meeting in Prisms Humanities

Hilltown Cooperative Charter School Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2021

	Jun 30, 21	Mar 31, 21	Jun 30, 20
ASSETS Current Assets Checking/Savings Easthampton Savings ESB-General Reserve x0819	208,331	208,123	206,512
ESB Checking - XXXXX4269 ESB-Capital Reserve x1886	410,705 315,088	500,667	307,559 312,884
Total Easthampton Savings	934,124	1,023,603	826,955
Total Checking/Savings	934,124	1,023,603	826,955
Other Current Assets Suspense Due from employees	0	-967	-663
COBRA	167	508	0
Total Due from employees	167	508	0
Prepaid Expenses Security Deposit	43,427 4,925	1,042 4,655	17,662 1,945
Total Other Current Assets	48,519	5,237	18,944
Total Current Assets	982,643	1,028,840	845,898
Fixed Assets Property 1-3 Industrial Pkwy Building Land	3,317,751 472,975	3,317,751 472,975	3,317,751 472,975
Total Property 1-3 Industrial Pkwy	3,790,726	3,790,726	3,790,726
Accum. Depreciation - Building Property Improvements Accum. Dep - Property Imprvmnts Property and Equipment	-379,139 151,440 -75,090	-359,802 151,440 -68,984	-301,790 151,440 -50,667
2011 Toyota Sienna Minivan Accum Depreciation - Vehicles Classroom Equip./Furnishings Accumulated Depreciation - F&E	14,012 -9,808 34,508 -22,311	14,012 -9,108 34,508 -21,611	14,012 -7,006 34,508 -19,510
Total Property and Equipment	16,401	17,802	22,004
Total Fixed Assets	3,504,338	3,531,182	3,611,713
TOTAL ASSETS	4,486,982	4,560,023	4,457,612
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities Current Liabilities Accounts Payable			
Accounts Payable	30,404	63,722	22,651
Total Accounts Payable	30,404	63,722	22,651
Credit Cards American Express Capital One	701 5,401	1,702 3,828	0 1,181
Total Credit Cards	6,102	5,529	1,181

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As of June 30, 2021

	Jun 30, 21	Mar 31, 21	Jun 30, 20
Other Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expenses	8,745	0	5,579
Accrued Payroll	316,873	0	241,301
Deferred Revenue - Grants	1,628	1,628	1,700
Payroll Liabilities	40	500	0.45
Dental Plan Payable	42	-569	345 747
Employee Health	2,985 181	-6,426 181	747 181
Employee Life Federal Withholding	0	-5,619	0
FICA Company	0	-1,402	0
FICA Withheld	Ő	-1,552	-149
Long Term Disability	0	-57	-57
MA Retirement	0	0	0
MA Withholding	0	-3,746	0
Medicare Company	0	-1,211	0
Medicare Withheld	0	-1,211	0
Sect 125 - FSA	-3,627	-4,882	-459
SUTA	0	-88	0
Payroll Liabilities - Other	0	-662	0
Total Payroll Liabilities	-419	-27,243	608
Total Other Current Liabilities	326,827	-25,614	249,188
Total Current Liabilities	363,333	43,637	273,019
Long Term Liabilities			
Note Payable - USDA	3,302,078	3,315,949	3,356,994
Total Long Term Liabilities	3,302,078	3,315,949	3,356,994
Total Liabilities	3,665,411	3,359,586	3,630,013
Equity			
General Reserve Account	0	206,512	0
Res'd for Capital Expenditures	0	312,884	0
Contingency Fund	50,000	50,000	50,000
Investments in Fixed Assets	202,260	254,719	254,719
Undesignated Fund Balance	575,339	3,484	553,388
Net Income	-6,028	372,838	-30,509
Total Equity	821,571	1,200,436	827,599
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	4,486,982	4,560,023	4,457,612

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
State Sources	2.002.027	2.064.260	10.650	1019/
Per-Pupil Revenue	3,083,927	3,064,269	19,658	101%
Total State Sources	3,083,927	3,064,269	19,658	101%
Federal Grants-DESE Administer				
COVID PREVENTION (2152)	8,450	8,450		100%
CvRF (COVID 19)	49,050	49,050		100%
ESSER 113	20,000	20,000		100%
ESSER II 115	2.275		2 275	100%
SOA 117	3,375 660	660	3,375	100%
SPED 262 Early Childhood	13,643	13,643		100%
Remote Tech 118 SPED 240	39,720	39,559	161	100%
Summer Vacation Learning	9,682	9,682	101	100%
SPED 274	6,408	6,408		100%
Teacher Quality 140	4,391	4,357	34	101%
Title I 305	21,595	21,595		100%
Title IV	10,000	10,000		100%
Total Federal Grants-DESE Administer	186,974	183,404	3,570	102%
Friends of HCCS Grant				
FOH Annual Fund Grant	8,000	8,000		100%
Friends of HCCS Grant - Other	1,579	1,079	500	146%
Total Friends of HCCS Grant	9,579	9,079	500	106%
Fundraising Income Field Trip Fund FOH Designated Funds Winter Fair	464	464	0	100%
Total Fundraising Income	464	464	0	100%
Other sources				
Earnings on Investments	4,315	4,500	-185	96%
School Lunch Receipts	5,753	5,000	753	115%
Special Trip Receipts				
SPED Medicaid reimbursement	8,801	7,500	1,301	117%
Total Other sources	18,870	17,000	1,870	111%
	10,070		1,0.0	
Kid's Club Income				
Student Activity Fees Miscellaneous Income	2,698	2,000	698	135%
Total Income	3,302,512	3,276,216	26,296	101%
Gross Profit	3,302,512	3,276,216	26,296	101%
Evponco				
Expense Personnel Costs Personnel				
Professional Educational Staff	1,463,992	1,454,740	9,252	101%
Paraprofessional Educ. Staff	264,151	249,548	14,603	106%
Administrative Staff	269,688	289,059	-19,371	93%
Directors	243,656	243,656	0	100%

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Kids' Club Staff Stipends - Student Activities Stipends - Program	615 3,800	5,000	615 -1,200	100% 76%
Summer Programs(COVID Response) Year End Bonuses Longevity Pay	72,775 10,808	10,808	-0	100%
Total Personnel	2,329,484	2,252,811	76,673	103%
Payroll Taxes FICA Medicare PFML Tax SUTA UHIC	34,318 32,502 8,770 2,358 2,587	34,223 33,275 10,000 2,295 2,285	95 -773 -1,230 63 302	100% 98% 88% 103% 113%
Total Payroll Taxes	80,534	82,078	-1,544	98%
Fringe Benefits College Credit Reimbursement HRA Benefit Health Diversion Health insurance	2,000 30,055 14,000 249,987	2,000 40,000 15,000 245,000	-9,945 -1,000 4,987	100% 75% 93% 102%
Worker's Compensation Insurance	13,418	13,418		100%
Total Fringe Benefits	309,461	315,418	-5,957	98%
Total Personnel Costs	2,719,479	2,650,307	69,172	103%
Consultant & Other Svcs-Fixed Administrative Consultant Admin Services/Data Managemnt Annual Audit FSA/HRA Service Payroll Service Prisms Electives SPED Advisor SPED Contractors	4,875 14,228 9,500 2,342 3,401 900 40,313	6,000 8,000 9,500 2,500 3,500 3,000 1,000	-1,125 6,228 -158 -99 -2,100 -1,000 313	81% 178% 100% 94% 97% 30%
SPED Summer Services	5,102	5,100	2	100%
Total Consultant & Other Svcs-Fixed	80,659	78,600	2,059	103%
Consultant & Other Svcs Child Care Curriculum Consultants Legal Fees FOH Des. Staff Development Staff Development	8,914 6,924 3,558	4,080 7,000 8,000 1,131	-4,080 1,914 -1,076 2,427	127% 87% 315%
Total Consultant & Other Svcs	19,396	20,211	-816	96%
Occupancy Cleaning Services Copier Rental Copier Service Contract	34,398 5,258	40,000 5,300	-5,602 -42	86% 99%
Electricity Elevator Maintenance Fire/Sprinkler Alarm services Heat HVAC Maintenance Insurance-Liability/Propty/Auto Interest Expense - USDA Loan Internet Landscaping Minor Repair/Maintenance	20,258 2,901 2,085 6,095 4,240 28,906 91,629 2,621 7,366 11,312	24,000 3,350 2,040 6,630 9,690 28,906 91,629 3,000 10,000 15,000	-3,742 -449 45 -535 -5,450 -0 -379 -2,634 -3,688 -1,353	84% 87% 102% 92% 44% 100% 87% 74% 75% 83%
Plowing/Snow Removal Telephone	6,450 944	7,803 1,248	-304	76%

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Trash Removal/Recycling Water/Sewer	5,346 1,856	5,500 3,060	-154 -1,204	97% 61%
Total Occupancy	231,664	257,156	-25,492	90%
Supplies Educational Supplies/Textbooks *Atelier supplies *Blues Ed Supps	2,400 422	2,400 600	0 -178	100% 70%
*Indigos Ed Supplies *Greens Ed Supps *Yellows Ed Supps *Oranges Ed Supps *Reds Ed Supps *Purples Ed Supps Purples - STEM	491 575 624 659 614	600 630 600 660 660	-109 -55 24 -1 -46	82% 91% 104% 100% 93%
Purples - ELA/HUM	491	450	41	109%
Total *Purples Ed Supps	885	900	-15	98%
*Prisms Ed Supps	339 280 391 228	473 473 473 473	-134 -192 -82 -244	72% 59% 83% 48%
Total *Prisms Ed Supps	1,238	1,890	-652	66%
*Minicourses *Music/movement supplies *Music Supplies - K-5 *Music Supplies - 6-8	17 374 291	400 382 278	-383 -8 13	4% 98% 104%
Total *Music/movement supplies	664	660	4	101%
*Physical Education Supplies *SPED Ed Supps *Reading Specialist Supplies *Other Ed Supplies/Textbooks** Remote Learning Programs Educational Supplies/Textbooks - Other	763 517 307 7,656 26,238	875 2,750 300 14,408 26,238	-112 -2,233 7 -6,752 -0	87% 19% 102% 53% 100%
Total Educational Supplies/Textbooks	44,071	54,571	-10,500	81%
Food and Supplies Health & Safety Supplies Household Supplies Office Supplies Playground Supplies Postage Printing and Reproduction Testing & Evaluation Supplies	2,433 2,782 535 500 279 6,033	743 5,000 3,714 893 1,020 636 8,500	-743 -2,567 -932 -358 -520 -357 -2,467	49% 75% 60% 49% 44% 71%
Total Supplies	56,634	75,077	-18,443	75%
Equipment Chromebook Replacement Furnishings/Rugs Minor Equipment SPED Equipment Tech Repair/Replacement Vehicle Expenses	2,000 8,264 459 889 33,314 464	2,000 10,000 2,040 3,060 32,140 1,020	-0 -1,736 -1,581 -2,171 1,174 -556	100% 83% 23% 29% 104% 45%
Total Equipment	45,390	50,260	-4,870	90%

	Jul '20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Grant-funded expenses Friends of HCCS Grant Expense	1,655	1,079	576	153%
Total Grant-funded expenses	1,655	1,079	576	153%
Other expenses				
Medical Contingency - COVID Advertising	13,680 3,436	20,000 1,800	-6,320 1,636	68% 191%
BOT Discretionary Fund Community Domain Expense Community Service Projects	500 4,639	500 2,750 500	1,889 -500	100% 169%
Graduation Expenses Field trips Indigos Field Trips Blues Field Trips Greens Field Trips Yellows Field Trips Oranges Field Trips Reds Field Trips Purples Field Trips	1,038	1,020	18	102%
Total Field trips				
Fundraising Expenses Kid's Club Food/Supplies MCSA Dues Miscellaneous Expenses	140 21 6,076 194	200 6,076 1,020	140 -179 -826	100% 10% 100% 19%
School Lunch Expense	8,788	8,000	788	110%
SPED Contingency Special Trip Expenses Purples Special Trip Expenses Special Trip Expenses - Other	5,480	5,480		100%
Total Special Trip Expenses	5,480	5,480		100%
Sunshine/Staff Appreciations Student Activity Expenses Travel	-280 1,000	510	-280 1,000 -510	100% 100%
Total Other expenses	44,712	47,856	-3,144	93%
Directors' Discretionary Fund	1,195	1,750	-555	68%
Total Expense	3,200,783	3,182,296	18,487	101%
Net Ordinary Income	101,729	93,920	7,809	108%
Other Income/Expense Other Expense	107.375		107,375	100%
Depreciation Expenses	107,375		107,375	100%
Board Designated Expenditures BOT Designated Field Trip Fund	382	3,958	-3,576	10%
Total Board Designated Expenditures	382	3,958	-3,576	10%
Total Other Expense	107,757	3,958	103,799	2,723%
Net Other Income	-107,757	-3,958	-103,799	2,723%
Net Income	-6,028	89,962	-95,990	-7%



Proposal to the Board of Trustees

from

The Hilltown Health and Safety Team

Date: September 9, 2021

Name of Proposal: COVID-19 Mandatory Employee Vaccination Policy

Priority Level: High

Approximate time needed for discussion: 20 minutes

Proposal to be presented by: Kate Saccento, Director of Administration & Tala Elia, Associate

Chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Medical Center and Associate Professor of

Emergency Medicine at UMASS Medical School

Hilltown Health and Safety Team members drafting proposal:

Mary Price, School Nurse, RN and Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN) **Kate Ewall**, School Physician, MD with Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Member of American Board of Pediatrics

Kathleen Szegda, Director of Community Research and Evaluation for the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts, Epidemiologist, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UMass, City of Springfield Vaccine Task Force

Tala Elia, Associate Chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Medical Center and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at UMASS Medical School

Kate Saccento. Director of Administration

Lara Ramsey, Director of Teaching and Learning

Nicole Grinaski, School Logistics and Kids' Club Coordinator

Text of proposal:

The Health and Safety Team recommends that Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School employees are required to be vaccinated (see attached policy). If the policy is approved by the Board of Trustees, timelines will be provided to Hilltown employees for the following:

Dates for proposed implementation as follows:

- 2 weeks from policy approval- Deadline for submission of documentation for request of medical or religious exemption. These requests will be reviewed and decisions regarding approval or denial will be given in a timely manner
- 4 weeks from policy approval- Deadline for first vaccine dose
- Second dose, if first dose Pfizer or Moderna, to be completed in timely manner per FDA recommendations
- 2 weeks after completion of vaccine series- Bi-weekly testing can be suspended

Goals to be achieved by proposal: The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective tool in the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19. Ensuring that all staff are vaccinated for COVID-19 is an important step in ensuring the health and safety of our school community.

Potential problems/dissenting views: Unvaccinated employees may need to end their employment if they do not have a medical or religious exemption that is approved by the school's attorney.

COVID-19 Mandatory Personnel Vaccination Policy

Purpose

In response to the ongoing health crisis related to COVID-19 and to ensure the health and safety of our school community, effective immediately Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School (HCCPS) requires COVID-19 vaccines for all employees, as well as independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers who will be on school premises on a regular or recurring basis. Those employees not fully vaccinated* at the time of implementation of this policy will have a grace period, determined by the school administration, after which they will be required to be in compliance with the vaccination policy. Employees not fully vaccinated will be required to present results of twice weekly testing during this grace period and until fully vaccinated. HCCPS has instituted this Policy to attempt to minimize the risk that individuals could pose a direct threat to the health of students, other employees, substitutes, and volunteers. In requiring such vaccinations, HCCPS follows all current Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

Scope

HCCPS does not administer vaccinations, but HCCPS will require all employees and all applicable independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers to provide documentation, within the timeframe set by administration, that they have received a COVID-19 vaccination, and that the requisite amount of time has elapsed, before returning to, or commencing, their work responsibilities for HCCPS. In addition to any documentation required by the administrator of the COVID-19 vaccination, all employees and all applicable independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers will also be required to sign a HCCPS liability waiver form indicating that HCCPS shall not be liable for any potential side effects of the COVID-19 vaccination sustained by any employees and all applicable independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers.

As otherwise provided in its policies, HCCPS shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), and any other applicable federal or state law or regulations with respect to all requests for reasonable accommodations from eligible employees, including those related to an individual's disability or sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance. Employees, independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers who believe they are unable to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for medical or religious reasons will need to apply for a medical exemption through the Director of Administration. If approved for a medical or religious exemption, employees will be required to participate in testing twice a week.

Employees will be required to participate in twice a week testing until 14 days after receiving the last dose of the vaccine series (after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or the first

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dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine). Testing will be PCR testing unless otherwise approved by the school nurse.

Procedures

School employees will be notified by administration as to the timeframe(s) within which employees must be vaccinated. HCCPS will provide a list of locations to assist employees in receiving the vaccine on their own.

COVID-19 vaccinations are free, whether an individual has health insurance or not.

For vaccination appointments, employees are to coordinate with their respective supervisors to schedule appropriate time to comply with this policy. If an employee obtains a vaccine during normal work hours (requiring the employee to miss time from work), the employee shall be compensated, at their individual, regular rate of pay. HCCPS shall also comply with all applicable Federal and Massachusetts laws and regulations regarding available leave related to obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine and/or recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 vaccine.

An employee's failure to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination or comply with procedures regarding a religious or medical exemption may result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Independent contractors, consultants, substitutes, and/or volunteers who do not obtain a COVID-19 vaccination may no longer be able to access HCCPS premises or activities.

*Fully vaccinated is defined as 14 days after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine or 14 days after the first dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.



HILLTOWN COOPERATIVE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Domain Administrators' Report September 2021

- 1. In order to foster better communication between teachers and their TAs, we are instituting a new staff role during teacher meetings. One staff member per teacher meeting will be the TA note taker. Their task is to take detailed notes of any issue which will directly affect TAs, write a blurb summarizing the issues and decisions, and email said blurb to all TAs. This will keep TAs better informed while also encouraging teachers to consider what TAs need to be kept aware of. Teachers will also be reminded of the expectations around weekly meetings with their TAs.
- 2. The annual Welcome Ceremony will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 10th. It will be outdoors if weather permits, and broadcast into classrooms via Zoom if it does not. New students and staff will be welcomed by name, and receive their feather and bead.
 - The Friday Welcome Party will take place at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, September 10th. It will be a masked, outdoor get together for all community members. Activities will include giant bubbles, face painting, and a popsicle stand.
- 3. With 22 new staff members, the Week Before Children(six days for teaching staff, three days for TAs) was dedicated to the theme of alignment: aligning who we are, what we bring, what we need, what agreements we want to share- and how things work, from home study to mentoring roles to staff council to discipline to progress reports and more.
 - To support our new math curriculum, K-5 teachers participated in online training over the summer. To support our new literacy program (second year for Being a Reader, pilot year for Being a Writer), a consultant spent an in-person morning with teachers.
- 4. We expanded the capacity of our special education department in three important ways.

 1. Cait Browne, the new Academic Support Coordinator, is responsible for all students with IEPS and 504s (formerly housed with the Director of Teaching and Learning).

 2. Cait has linked three special education teachers with continued education on the Orton-Gillingham program.

 3. We now have a dedicated space and staffing for students to learn comfortably as part of a transition-to-school plan or part of an RTI intervention. Based on the BRYT program but modified for elementary school, we call our space the "Skylab" (it is upstairs).



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- 5. The new position of Logistics Coordinator is paired with the Kids' Club Coordinator role that continues to be filled by Nicole Grinaski. Nicole's position handles schedule changes and substitute teaching (the Director of Teaching and Learning is now back-up instead of primary).
- 6. Lara (Director of Teaching and Learning) earned a Certificate of School Management and Leadership through the Harvard Business School Online.



Domain Council Meeting Minutes- August 13th, 2021 9:00am Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/i/85608328077?pwd=MkxZc25zWXRWbXAwUXdSK0ZUc0lhZz09

Present: Matt Dube, Kate Saccento, Lara Ramsey, Kathleen Szegda, Rashida Krigger

Regrets: None

Торіс	Discussion	Action
Board Meeting Agenda for September	Adjusting and finalizing topics for the meeting including Q4 Financials, ESSER III, Health & Safety, JEDI, LRP Update, Teacher Work Week update	Matt to submit agenda to Sara/Emily/Nicole for the board packet
Health & Safety	Group meeting early next week to discuss masks Kids Club programming being discussed and determined as well as running clubs, other groups	Directors will report out decision next week
Teacher Work Week	Teacher Work Week upcoming	Lara will update the Board at the September meeting
Board Retreat	5-9 at HCCPS next Tuesday; meeting will be outside as much as possible Agenda is finalized	Agenda will be posted online and sent to the State
Future Domain Council Meetings	Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.	Kate to add to the school calendar
Review action items		Done
Tentative agenda topics for next meeting	Director Updates, Agenda Finalization	
Next meeting time/date/location		Wednesday September 15th, 6:30 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8560 8328077?pwd=MkxZc25zWXR WbXAwUXdSK0ZUc0lhZz09 Passcode: pFxN7Y
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Facilities Committee Meeting Agenda –August 31, 2021, 6:30pm

Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85376488422?pwd=dzVraEdJNWp3UEVzQkkvZ3RxbHU4UT09

Meeting ID: 853 7648 8422

Passcode: hilltown

Topic	Discussion	Action (if necessary)
Outdoor Spaces	Concern there is not enough covered outdoor space for inclement weather or to get out of the sun. School needs	
	Nan looked up tents online and found some from about \$2800. Possibly buy two or three tents that can be put up and left up. Question is how will they hold up under snow.	
	We need a committee to decide how many tents, what size, and where they are placed.	
	Possible uses for the tent includes all school and other performances. Nan is going to ask NHS about the tents they are using. Joe, Chris and Kate are going to research tents on line. The committee is proposing that the school purchase a car port that can be used by music classes as a first	

	step. Faculty could provide input on where this will go.	
Neighboring property	The neighboring property is for sale again. The last sale fell through. Asking price is \$1.2 million. Likely does not make sense for Hilltown.	
Survey of facility needs		
Climate Resilience Findings		
Building Access Issues		
Gaga Pit		
Adjournment		



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes –June 2, 2021, Zoom, 8:30 AM

Present: Carla Clark, Richard Senecal, Chris Korczak,

Kate Saccento, Maureen Mahar, Andy Tilbe

Guests:

None

Regrets:

Lisa Plaza

Agenda:

Approve April Minutes; Review Budget

Topic	Discussion	Action (if necessary)
April Minutes	Approval of April's minutes (May meeting was cancelled)	Rich moved to approve March minutes, Chris seconded. Approved by consensus
Proposed FY22 Budget	For FY25 budget tuition should catch up with spending for additional staff No field trips planned Many line items in the budget reverted back to pre-COVID values Income will increase if Kids Club starts again Significant line item differences: ESSER II Grant: \$85,841 ESSER III: Grant: \$179,000, used in FY's '23 & '24	Chris motioned to send budget to BOT, Rich seconded
Tentative Agenda Topics for Next Meeting	Approve June's minutes Continue budget review	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location	9/1/21; Via Zoom, 8:30 AM	

Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM	
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GABS Committee Meeting Minutes - Aug. 25, 2021, 5 p.m.

Meeting Location: By Zoom

Present:

Sara Schieffelin; Rashida Krigger; Sarah Buttenwiser; Emily Boddy

Guests:

None

Regrets:

None

Notetaker:

Sara

Topic	Discussion	Action (if necessary)
Check-in	Hopes and concerns about the upcoming school year.	
Meeting minutes review and approval	Reviewed and approved last month's minutes	
New board member orientation/open house planning	Dan to help Sara with orientation. Open house and new member orientation will be on Thursday Sept. 9th from 5-6 on Zoom. Sara and Dan will facilitate orientation. Sarah B and maybe Matt D. will be in a breakout room with folks who are interested in committee work	Sara to reach out to Matt the see if BOT meeting will be on Zoom Sara to write blurb for newsletter/email and send to Rashida who will send to community Sara to send Sarah description of what each committee does
JEDI	Discussed BOT application process, particularly around the submission of resumes and how this can exclude people. What is the process for	Emily to email to Kate and Dan asking for



	when/how resumes are submitted for the BOT process? Do resumes need to be published into the packet? How do we demystify the process? Are the resumes in the packet as a bi-law? How do we encourage real diversity on the BOT?	clarification about resume process
	What about people who don't feel comfortable speaking up or speaking in a group and have value to share?	
	Discussed that we need to look at people's background as assets now just what skill-sets they have.	
	There's a reputation of Hilltown as a "hippy school." How do we think about how we present ourselves to the larger community?	
Recruitment	Discussed ideas for recruitment. Emily has two people she has invited to the orientation who are interested in committee work. Sarah will reach out to Mike Ford.	Sarah B to reach out to Mike Ford and invite him to orientation All committee members will think about people who might be interested in/good at BOT or committee work
Review Action Items	Action items reviewed.	Emily to send Rashida log-in information for GABS and Trustee Google Drive
		Sara to send an email to Dan and Emily to decide where Board Book goes in Google Drive
		Sara to make Doodle poll to figure out



		meeting times moving forward
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location	Wednesday Sept. 29th, at 5pm by Zoom	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.	

Agenda items for next month: goals for GABS



JEDI Committee Meeting Minutes- August 16th, 2021 12:00 p.m.

Present: Kathleen Szegda, Rashida Krigger, Meg Taylor, Cinzia Pica-Smith

Regrets: Joe Wyman

Topic	Discussion	Action
Introductions	Introduction of new members and sharing interests in participating	
Overview of Committee	Shared what the Committee has accomplished in the past year, including Board training and working with Board Committees to incorporate JEDI lens into their work. Shared brief overview of other work in school focusing on JEDI, including administrator's efforts and the staff Equity Committee.	Rashida will work on description/visual representation of what each of the school bodies working on JEDI is focused on Kathleen will gather information on what is currently taking place at school.
Goals of Committee	Group discussed areas they would like to better understand status of as consider goals and work moving forward, including how JEDI incorporated into curricula, how school educates on gender and gender identify, and various policies in place to support JEDI. Interests expressed in equity audit.	Meg will look at JEDI practices of Paolo Frere Social Justice School. Cinzia will look into group she knows of who does equity training.
Next meeting time/date/location		Monday September 13th, 12:00 p.m.
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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