

Albuquerque Bilingual Academy
ABA GC Special Meeting Minutes for Virtual Meeting
Date: Friday, February 4, 2022

Board Members Present	Julian Munoz, Doris Cole, Brenda Baca, Jose Garcia	
Absent	Melissa Trujeque	
Others in Attendance	Chris Jones, Kyle Hunt, Danielle Miranda, Priyam Banerjee, Esteban Cole	
QUORUM	<u> X </u> YES <u> </u> NO	
Meeting called to order	Julian Munoz called the meeting to order at <u>5:35pm</u> & Roll Call by Julian Munoz	
Item	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Approval of the Agenda	02/04/2022	Julian Munoz called for a motion to approve the agenda. Brenda Baca motioned Julian Munoz seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained
Special Issues	Discussion	Action/Recommendation
Update on Return to In-Person Instruction	<p><u>Jones:</u> When it comes to testing onsite, we of course didn't have a successful implementation. We had a really hard time getting out testing provider to follow through with their commitment. However, I did speak to them this morning; Kyle and I had a conference call with Goldie who is the regional coordinator for PMG. She committed to us that she could assist on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays that will be a combination of Test To Stay as well as surveillance testing on one of those days. We are pretty confident, based on our discussion, that testing will take place from this point forward. However, I don't have any specific data to share with you regarding any new numbers when it comes to our students. I do have, however, some data to share with you. This is only cases by zip codes; I'm not sure how relevant this is. This information is from NMDOH but it isn't all that telling it just shows data by zip codes and it isn't comparative but I will share it with you. We have the three zip codes in which our students reside: 87105, 87121, and 87120. Zip Code: Case Count: 87105: 13,134, 87121: 22,236, 87120: 13,078. What we have are the number of cases and this data was just updated on 02/03/22 and this was the previous two weeks. I'm not sure again how useful this information is but I did want to share it with you just in case; maybe you're tracking a little bit more heavily than I am. I guess last but not least is with the presence of testing coming soon, with online learning which has taken place over the last two weeks, I will say it's been a pretty successful implementation. I think our students have done a good job. I will say that I have heard on the news anyhow that we've surpassed the peak season for COVID. But again, it's kind of one of those things where I wouldn't be able to tell you with 100% certainty that it's a safe situation for students. I'll tell you staffing wise, it's always going to be a challenge for us. Looking at the case count, this doesn't tell us a whole lot. Testing is very promising but then again success online has been great for students as well and for teachers. So I guess my recommendation to the board would be for students to return on Monday. I think, with testing, it makes me feel more confident as the school leader that we're able to implement a safe return and of course we'll be able to monitor more effectively than weeks passed. So that would be my recommendation to bring students back but again I know that it's still a scary situation. I know staffing is still a situation that we can't control and we have some grave concerns over losing staff members and not being able to adequately staff our school. But with testing, I think that will alleviate some of our concerns to be perfectly honest with you. At this point, I guess it's entirely up to the board to make the decision whether or not students should or should not return and I guess I'll turn it over to you guys to have some discussion.</p> <p><u>Munoz:</u> So you did get a commitment that they will be there for testing?</p> <p><u>Jones:</u> Correct.</p> <p><u>Garcia:</u> The question I had was are we still in the same situation with not having enough teachers? Or is everybody back and ready to go?</p> <p><u>Jones:</u> Yeah, that's a really good question Jose. We have enough teachers as of now. I think the major concern for us as an administration is that we had several teachers who actually contracted the virus. So when they did it made a situation where we had to send all of the students home as well because we didn't have Test to Stay which test students on days 1, 3, and 5 and allows them to stay put or requires them to quarantine. So as of now, we've not had any cases reported to us. It seems as of staff is doing well. I haven't had any cases reported to me so we should be fully staffed if we do in fact decide to return on Monday. Once concern is still the sub-pool. We don't have substitute teachers and I think all schools are feeling that right now. Unfortunately, we just don't have a lot of applicants either; we've had people canceling their interviews with us. So that is one concern. So if a teacher is to become infected and have to miss, we're back in that same situation. But I don't think that's going anywhere; I think that's something that we're going to deal with for the next year or two. But as far as staffing is concerned, our staff is healthy as of now and I hadn't had any new cases reported to me.</p>	<p>Julian Munoz called for a motion to resume in person classes and teaching on Monday, February 7th.</p> <p>Brenda Baca motioned Jose Garcia seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained</p>

Closed Session	Time: 5:44pm	<p>Julian Munoz called for a motion for ABA's Board of Education to Convene in Executive Session Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act: NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 (H)(8) for the Purpose of Discussing the Sale or Lease of Property.</p> <p>Brenda Baca motioned Jose Garcia seconded -Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained</p>
Reconvene to Open Session	<u>Munoz</u> : Roll Call- states that all members agree that the matters discussed in the Executive Session were only limited to those specified in the agenda.	Reconvene to Open Session
Action as Necessary from Closed Session (Discussion/Action)		<p>Julian Munoz asked for a motion to approve the counteroffer as presented in closed session Brenda Baca motioned Julian Munoz seconded Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained</p>
Head Administrator Report	<u>Jones</u> : I don't have any at this time.	
Public Comment		
Announcement of Next GC Meeting	Next GC meeting: <u>Monday, March 28, 2022; 5:30 pm</u>	<p>Julian Munoz asked for a motion to adjourn. Brenda Baca motioned Julian Munoz seconded Julian Munoz called for a vote. GC approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0; 0 opposed; 0 abstained</p>
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned	