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Palouse Prairie Educational Organization

Doing business as  
Palouse Prairie Charter School  
Special Meeting

March 13, 2020

Location: Palouse Prairie Charter School, 406 Powers Ave., Moscow ID.

Time: 11am

**Meeting called to order at:**

Attending: Juan, Jessica B., Zac, Gabe, Mike

Absent: Jessica L.

Public: Jenielle, Debbie,

Note Taker: Zac

1. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)

*We welcome our guests to this evening's Palouse Prairie School board meeting. The meeting is public and has a structure to meet the legal requirements on public governing boards. At the same time we strive to have the meeting reflect the values of Palouse Prairie School. Our vision is for an inclusive, respectful and supportive learning environment. The goal for this meeting is to meet our vision, our legal requirements, and our practical need to accomplish business in an efficient manner.*

*Board Members will now introduce themselves.*

*Now, we would like to welcome members of the audience. Further in the agenda is a place for comment from the public within this board meeting. Please say your name, if you wish, so we may know who is presenting.*

2. Approval of Agenda

*Motion: Gabe, Second: Juan, all in favor*

3. Presentations & Reports

4. Announcements

5. Approval of Minutes

6. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)

*At this point in the agenda, members of the public are welcome to come forward, identify themselves (name and address) and speak on any topic relevant to Palouse Prairie School and not on the agenda of this meeting. The time allotted for a speaker is three minutes. The Board will refrain from responding beyond asking for a clarification. The comments presented at this time will be reviewed by the Board.*

## 7. Action Items

### 7.1 Consent Agenda

*Any member can ask to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as part of the regular meeting. These alterations to the agenda will happen at this point in the meeting.*

*Removed items will be addressed immediately after the Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda items are not discussed and will be addressed as a single motion.*

### 7.2 Discuss and Approve Contingencies and Policies Related to the COVID-19 Virus

#### DISCUSSION:

##### Attendance policy considerations:

- Supporting students who are voluntarily excluded from school - what's the impact on teachers?
  - Teachers to work with those families individually
  - However, if it becomes more than one or two families, this will be unmanageable for staff.
  - We have an obligation to meet the educational needs for students with IEPs/medical conditions -- under those conditions we would provide a high level of support but for families that opt out voluntarily, we can provide general resources but not individualized lessons plans or individualized instruction.

##### Motion:

- Attendance policy waived at this time
- Offer flexibility while continuing to serve students on IEPs and 504 plans
- Motion only applies to attendance issues related to the virus
- In effect until further decision of the board

*Motion by: Zac, Second: Gabe, all approved.*

##### School closure considerations - plan in the case of MSD Closure

- MSD is prepping
- Coming up with alternative ways for students to learn in case of a closure after spring break
- Jeneille has a meeting this afternoon at 2:00 with Greg Bailey and Health Dept.

Jeneille's question: Because we are our own district and have our own authority, if MSD and Moscow Charter School closes, will we automatically close or follow a different decision-making process?

Q#1: Will we automatically follow MSD or make our own decision?

Q#2: What will we do?

Concerns:

- Families will follow MSD no matter what
- An alternate decision will look bad if something goes wrong
- The ambiguity is not manageable for PPCS leadership and Board

*Motion: If schools close and we need to move to a distance learning model, we will provide two days for teacher planning days.*

- Zac moved
- Gabe seconded
- All in favor

*Motion: If MSD decides to close schools between this meeting and our board meeting on the 23rd, we will follow the guidance of the MSD.*

- Gabe moved
- Mike seconded
- All in favor

*Motion: If schools close, Jeneille would like time for teachers to prepare for distance learning approach*

- Teachers setting up a plan for learning at home
- We need to think about the equity implications

*Motion: We authorize Jeneille flexibility to allow staff to work off-site as needed*

- Zac moved
- Gabe seconded
- All in favor

**Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.**

### **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

Jessica Long, term expires 2020

Amy Ball, term expires 2021

Zac Crist, term expires 2021

Jessica Bearman, term expires 2021

Gabe Baker, term expires 2021  
Juan Albaitero, term expires 2022  
Mike Connell, term expires 2022