



Arizona Language Preparatory

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**Open Meeting
December 18, 2020
Joint Corporate and Governing Board of Directors Meeting
SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES**

1. Notice of Meeting
 - a. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of the items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time.
 - b. Location and time of meeting: Date and time of meeting will be 10:00 am on December 18, 2020. Meeting will be telephonic only.**
 - c. Call to public is only available for in-person attendants, and therefore will not be available during telephonic-only meetings. During in person meetings, persons who want to speak will be required to state their full name and physical address to confirm they are members of the school's public, and this information will be recorded in the minutes. Each person will be limited to speak for 3 minutes at the maximum, and comments will be recorded in the minutes. The board cannot directly address the comments but will place them under consideration for possible discussion at a future meeting.
 - d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorneys, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
 - e. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors hereby states that all notices and agendas of the meetings of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and any of its committees and subcommittees will be posted at least 24 hours in advance on the school website <https://azlanguageprep.org/> (on the Board of Director's page), as well as on the bulletin board located outside of Arizona Language Preparatory, 4645 E Marilyn Rd, Phoenix AZ 85032. The bulletin board is available for public viewing at all times.
 - f. Additional documentation relating to public meeting agenda items may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting Renita Myers at (602) 996-1595.
2. Call to Order: 10:05 am
3. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members Present: Kellie Rosinski (KR), Allison Perrin (AP), Dan Melton (DM), Michael Gerity (MG)
 - b. Board Members Absent: n/a
 - c. Non-Voting Officers Present: Renita Myers (RM)
 - d. Non-Voting Officers Absent: Anne Cotty (AC)
 - e. Members of the Public Present: 1+ members of public present over call
4. Call to the public –*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter,*



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responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

5. Old business
 - a. Review and possible approval of prior meeting minutes
 - i. Tabled
6. Special meeting topics
 - a. Review and discussion of Arizona Department of Health Services Benchmark Updates
 - i. Reviewed updated benchmark data, showing all three areas in the red for Maricopa county (cases per 100,000, percent positivity, and hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses)
 - b. Further Discussion of In-Person learning beginning January 4, 2021; possible approval of ALP addendums to opening/closure
 - i. Reviewed survey data collected from online and in person families
 1. Survey data included plans for holiday gatherings; a significant portion of families do plan gatherings, or are undecided or prefer not to say
 2. 96% of current in person families intend to remain in person
 3. Majority of online families remain hesitant about returning in person
 - ii. Reviewed there have been no covid-19 positive cases in the school population (staff and students)
 - iii. Reviewed efficacy of current mitigating procedures that are in line with local and national recommendations; only concern is use of short face shields by some students that do not appear to be effective barriers
 - iv. Reviewed recent data showing that children who are testing positive for covid-19 are getting it from outside gatherings (weddings, funerals, parties, etc) and not from school settings, suggesting efficacy of mitigating measures
 - v. Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) still supports elementary schools remaining open if it can be done safely
 - vi. Reviewed that online learning has not been sufficiently meeting the mission/vision of the school in providing trilingual immersion education; most online families are happy with the math and English online education, but feel that language learning is less satisfactory
 - vii. Discussed that the staff are unable to maintain full-time in person teaching with development of online curriculum; our school does not have sufficient staff numbers to separate online from in person teaching; curriculum needs to either be all online or all in person moving forward
 - viii. Reviewed upcoming vaccine availability for teachers
 - ix. Updated quarantine recommendations have been made at the national level that will need to be reviewed at the next meeting, to determine if changes to current school protocol are warranted
 - x. Discussed the scenario of quarantine for students once everyone is back in person; they can be given the weekly packets and plan for zoom meetings as needed to assist as needed
 - c. MG motioned to approve a delay of at least one week of returning to in person learning given percentage of families planning holiday gatherings; online learning therefore to be planned for week of Jan 4 to Jan 8 2020; also motioned to approve allowance of only cloth



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face coverings for all staff and students moving forward (no face shields); plan to have next board meeting on the Thursday of the first week back of online learning (Jan 7th) to discuss benchmark updates, local/state/national updates, reported covid-19 cases in the school community, vaccine availability updates, and any other information relevant to decision making; DM seconded, KR in favor; AP abstained

7. Next board meeting planned: January 7, 2020 at 4:30 pm
8. Meeting adjourned: 11:02 am