

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING 9/27/2021-via ZOOM

The mission of Gathering Waters Chartered Public School is to offer students in the Monadnock region an education that enables them to discover their interests and capabilities; explore the surrounding world; and cultivate a lifelong love of learning, a sense of community responsibility and understanding of environmental sustainability. We carry out this mission by providing a rich and engaging curriculum that integrates the arts, meaningful practical work, outdoor education and service to the larger community.

Our vision is an inclusive school culture of compassion and respect where deep interest in others goes hand in hand with individual growth. The educational environment enables students to develop self-confidence, self-knowledge, intellectual flexibility, and the capacity for creative problem solving that supports ethical action in their local and global communities.

Agenda

Attendance:

Board Members: **Gabrielle, Dan, Melanie, Janet, Eliza, Jonny, Elizabeth, Emily, Holly**

Non Voting Members: **Luke Goodwin**

Other Attendees: **Maia Beh, Shana Kirschner (parent council rep), Victoria Gulla, Castine Clerkin (joined at 6:45) and Gene Clerkin (joined at 6:55)**

1. Vote on use of zoom for emergency purposes. The emergency being the need to hold a formal vote on the Covid reopening plan for the school. **Motion to approve: Dan / Second: Elizabeth / Vote: Unanimous**
2. Proposal to adopt COVID school opening Plan with addition of masking outdoors for grades K-1.

Gabrielle summarized the process the school took to create and implement the reopening plan. Luke elaborated on the school's decision to add masking outdoors for grades K-1. Clarifying questions were asked by board members. Public attendees were invited to comment. Several attendees shared arguments against the reopening plan. The board members were asked if more discussion was needed. All board members indicated a readiness to move forward with a vote. **Motion to approve: Gabrielle / Second: Holly / Vote: Unanimous**

Closing Verse-

**You have been joined by fate together
To unfold the powers
Which are to serve a good creative work.
Wisdom itself will teach you as you walk on the soul's path
That greatest things can be achieved
When souls who give to each other spirit certainty
Unite and work towards the healing of the world in faithfulness.**

- Rudolf Steiner (From Benedictus, a character in the Mystery Dramas or also called the Portal of Initiation)