

**Syringa Mountain School**  
**Special Board Meeting Minutes – 2/28/2022**  
**Approved 3/16/22**

School Staff:

Nigel Whittington-Director  
Pat Owen- Teacher Liaison  
Keith Davis  
Amy Schlatter  
Shawn Myers

Board Members:

Mike Allaire  
Sandi Viau  
Anthony Miller  
Michele Harris  
Jennifer Barrett-Neet

Public attendance:

Tamara Baker, Jeremy Baker, Brooke Baker, Patricia Aoyama, Jon Valenzuela, John Casey, Nicole Casey, Kristin Funk, Jamie Truppi, Dana Yeakel, Sarah Seppa , P(?), Holly Gawlinski

Field Experts:

Alli Burns  
Mandy Allaire

5:32 TIME Quorum is present

**Thank everyone for emailing in comments and we appreciate everyone's feedback as we all know everyone is looking forward to working together to make the best outcome for the students of Syringa Mountain School.**

I. Public comment:

A. In person(zoom) comments

1. Jeremy Baker: Would like the masks to be removed, willing to unenroll- For Removal Masks
2. Tamara Baker: Would like the masks to be removed, willing to unenroll- For Removal Masks
3. Brooke Baker: Would like the masks to be removed, willing to unenroll- For Removal Masks
4. Patricia Aoyama: Would like the masks to be removed, willing to unenroll - For Removal Masks
5. Keith Davis: Discussed irritation of masks- For Removal Masks
6. Pat Owen: Rep of teachers to say thanks to the board for keeping us open but they would like the choice as well, would like the board to discuss how it would be in practice-For Removal Masks
7. John Casey: Supports freedom of choice- For Removal Masks
8. Jamie Truppi: Grateful to the board and teachers, concerns for PR and enrollment if still masking- For Removal Masks
9. Sarah Seppa: Thinks we should follow the CDC- For Mask Removal
10. Holly Gawlinski- Asked about social Distancing

B. Emailed in comments

1. Holly Gawlinski- Keep Masks
2. Tamara Baker-Tamara Baker- Remove Mask
3. Andrea Parker- For Removing Mask
4. Rick Olsen- For Removing Mask
5. Nicole & Johnathan Casey- For Removing Mask
6. Jaime Truppi- For Removing Mask
7. Amy Schlatter- For Removing Mask
8. Mandy- Reminder that we have always followed the CDC and should continue
9. In Person (on zoom)

## II. Covid-19 Policy

### A. Mask Mandate

1. Alli Burns- Syringa has followed CDC guidelines since beginning. We should continue following the cdc. We are in the Yellow so cdc deems it safe to be unmasked in school. Quarantining is 5 days home, 5 days with masks. The board can adopt that or stay to 10 day quarantine. Contact tracing will take much effort and will need to be considered. Shared that the data of social/emotional impacts on children can be found to support each side.
2. Mandy Allaire- Supports all that Alli Burns shared. Followed CDC guidelines.
3. Mike Allaire- Supports following the CDC guidelines
4. Sandi Viau- Supports following the CDC and should discuss quarantine
5. Anthony Miller- Supports Following CDC
6. Michele Harris- Thank you to everyone. Supports Following CDC
7. Jennifer Barrett-Neet- Supports Following CDC
8. Nigel Whittington- The contact tracing may become more challenging without masks. Asked the board to figure out how to manage this challenge.

### B. New Covid-19 mandate: Anthony Miller motioned to approve Second Sandi Viau - Motion carried

### C. POLICY: The mandatory masking protocol adopted as part of the Health and Safety Procedures of Syringa Mountain school is hereby rescinded effective Tuesday, March 1, 2022, and is hereby replaced with an optional protocol whereby the decision to wear or not wear a protective facial covering is left to the individual students and their parents. Any further modification of the masking protocol will be considered by the board based upon all relevant factors and supported by CDC.

All in Favor

None against

No discussion

## III. Quarantine guidelines and how the implementation in the classroom- Table for work session

## IV. Executive time- none

END TIME- 6:45