

Educating Hearts and Minds

The mission of Anansi Charter School is to develop the academic potential and emotional intelligence of each learner. We strive to promote the love of learning through student engagement, innovative educational practices and family and community partnerships.

Anansi Charter School Governance Council Special Meeting
Draft Minutes- February 24, 2022, 5:30pm
Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tic-dazc-xhr>

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I. CALL TO ORDER of the Special Open Governance Council Meeting (**START RECORDING**)

Attendance: "X" indicates present at meeting

*Officers: X President: Jake Caldwell [2018]; Vice President: Iris Thornton [2020];
X Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; X Treasurer: Elaine Taylor [2018].*

*Members: X Aaron Livingston [2018]; Amy Trevino [2019]; X Sophia Seim
[2021]; X Leslie Mondragon Romero [2021] ; X Christina Sporrang [2021].*

Director: X Michele Hunt

*Public Attendance: Andrea Cardenas, Anyma Kleinsorge, Derek Galyon, Elsbeth
Atencio, Kathryn MacDavitt, Mary Bishop, Krizia Shelton,& 701...XX89.*

II. Approvals

A. Agenda February 24, 2022 Special Meeting

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council
approve the Special Meeting Agenda for February 24, 2022. Seconded by Sophia Seim.
X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}*

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

Michele Hunt- Opened the discussion by addressing the lack of official guidance and updates from the state around how schools should proceed in light of NM Governors' lifting of the mask mandate. Michele presented a powerpoint "Plan for Lifting" which includes a summary of stakeholders' responses to the Anansi 'Lifting the Mask Mandate' survey. Notably, 77% of responses said yes to removal of masks outside.

IV. New Business

A. Mask Policies/Procedures: Presentation of survey results and other data; consideration of NM Governor announcement, PED guidance, other local jurisdictional considerations in formulating mask policy (Discussion and possible action). Discussion mostly included council members and a few Anansi staff members, the main focus of discussion listed below:

- School staff has only communicated through optional participation in the survey, and not yet gathered to discuss changes in masking as a team.
- Anansi has kept kids safe to date (even during acute phases of covid) & have updated ventilation, and school covid testing as additional layers of covid protection in schools.
- Consideration that Covid rates have increased in schools after holiday breaks
- Staff comfort/desires are a priority. All staff working hard, keeping school open is most important.
- Recognition of potential community impacts, and acknowledgement that Taos hospital is still in 'state of emergency' and operating in crisis care level.
- Optional masking outside will present logistical challenges for younger grade levels.
- Mask policies need to remain flexible in order to respond as needed.

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council give Michele and Anansi staff discretion to allow for students and staff to

*choose to remove masks while outside as early as Monday February 28,2022.
The governance council will address potential changes to indoor masking policy
at the next meeting scheduled for March 23, 2022. In the meantime council
members will continue to assess data and research. Leilani M. Dean, seconded.
X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}.*

V. Final Comments and Announcements

VI. Adjournment

*MOTION: I, Leilani M. Dean, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council
adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Aaron Livingston. X All Approved {X indicates All
Approved}*

Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

President: _____ Date: _____