



Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2020, 7:00-8:00 am
Via ZOOM Video Conference

Board Members Present

Emily Wasserman
Barbara Washington
Jennifer Evans
Pam Horiszny
Ed Likovich
Jamaica Burke
Kristina Campos
Adam Burrows
Ethan Hemming
Shannon Saviers
Brittany Stich
Wogahta Woldezghi
Julie Fincham
Emily Cervantes
Margaret-Ann Leavitt
Burness

Board Members Absent

Frank Rowe
Trina Maull

GALS Staff

Carol Bowar

Carol begins the meeting by providing an overview of where the schools (staff, teachers, students, and families) are with back-to-school planning and the uncertainty and anxiety that exists. At this point, GALS is anticipating that there are approximately 25% of families who want to remain 100% remote, and 75% would be interested in returning to school.

Schools will not return 100% on October 21, 2020. GALS (and other schools) has autonomy to develop its own plan. Based on feedback from students and families, GALS is working on a creative hybrid model. Looking at Term C (which begins November 9) to begin a possible hybrid return to school plan.

Carol is paying a lot of attention to available public health and trends data to try to develop a workable plan.

Carol provides an update regarding staff perspectives and what updates have been provided to families.

Carol responds to questions from the Board.

Carol discusses planning and next steps, with the ultimate goal of sustaining the schools through the pandemic, and figuring out ways to engage and support our students when they are away from the building. She also discusses the various stakeholders and their unique needs.

The current plan is to work to return in hybrid until data shows us to stay remote or the guidelines shift for a safe full building.



GALS will work on developing a hybrid model. At this point, however, it is not clear what that model will look like.

The Board agrees that the schools should step into planning for a hybrid return.

The Board votes to approve the below statement from the slides regarding next steps. Emily Cervantes is the only nay vote.

We will work to return in Hybrid until data shows us to stay remote, or guidelines shift for a safe full building return.

There is no public comment.

The meeting is adjourned.