

The Soulard School
Board of Directors Meeting
8/3/20 held via Zoom
Soulard School

TSS Members Present: Jay DeLong, Jim Holloran, Jamie Boyer, Steven Groves

TSS Members Absent: Basiyr Rodney

Others Present: N/A

Staff Present: Sarah Christman, Eleanor White, Shenika Bishop

Notes: Eleanor

1. Welcome & Opening Comments
2. Reopening plans:
 - a. Discussed survey responses re: family choices, staff comfort, conversations with city and local charters and regional covid rates and testing.
 - b. In taking into account these factors, the administrative team recommends:
 - i. Begin the year with 100% virtual/distance start
 - ii. Move start date to 8/24 (from 8/17) to allow for additional teacher/admin planning time
 1. Admins return full-time this week (8/3)
 2. Teachers return next week (8/10)
 - c. Update on DESE funding
 - i. Can offer virtual that has in-person options, but in-person teachers would just be in a support role supporting virtual instruction
 - ii. State Board of Ed will vote 8/18 about whether to approve funding for charters based on prior year attendance
 - d. Other supporting bodies:
 - i. UMSL - supportive in making sure we get the info we need from DESE
 - ii. MCPSA - advocating for DESE/legislators to address attendance problem
3. Vote to amend school calendar to:
 - a. Move start date to 8/24/20
 - b. Move end date to 5/24/21
 - c. School begins as distance/virtual
 - d. Shift from trimester to quarter-based system (to be reviewed during August meeting)
 - e. Approved unanimously
4. Adjourn