

**Monona Grove Nursery School  
Board of Directors - Special Meeting  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
8:00pm (via Zoom)**

**Monona Grove Nursery School Board Members in Attendance:**

Sue Carr, School Director and Penguin Teacher	Clint Cecil, Fundraising Co-Coordinator
Kathryn Mingione, Board President	Dawn Van Horn, Starfish Teacher
Lynn Witte, Member at Large	Beth Kernan, Board Vice President
Amanda Rudningen, Board Treasurer	Patrice Stadler, Toddler Time Teacher
Jodi Schmitt, Penguin Teacher	Sarah Kopczyk, Alumni Relations Coordinator
Sara Brelie, Board Secretary	Aimee Wendt, Fundraising Co-Coordinator
Laura McGuire, Volunteer Coordinator	Erin Drewes, Sea Otter Teacher
Nicole Smialek, Events Coordinator	Juli Huston, Dolphin and Sea Otter Teacher
Chyna Benzine, Facilities and Maintenance Coordinator	

**Monona Grove Nursery School Community Members in Attendance:**

Peter Miller, parent	Jessica Bingham, parent
Rachel Miller, parent	Laura Fabick, parent
Megan Roman, parent	Clarissa Russ, parent
Maria Roman, grandparent	Neal Crowder, parent
Jarel Gary, parent	Matt Brown, parent
Jessica Gary, parent	Lindsey Gunther, parent {left the meeting shortly after it started}
Katrina Jones, parent	Susan Kaseman, grandparent
Jeremy Wisdom, parent	

**1. Call to Order**

**a. MGNS Board President Kathryn Mingione called this special meeting to order at 8:04pm.**

Kathryn provided an opening statement regarding structure of meeting, thanking everybody for their written comments and for attending the virtual meeting. The structure is as follows: every person will get 3 minutes to speak should they so choose, beginning first with the individual(s) who requested the meeting, in this case Peter and Rachel Miller. Following their statement, each person will have three (3) minutes to speak in the order in which they entered the meeting. MGNS Director Sue Carr had a list of people in the order they arrived, and Kathryn would keep track of time, announcing when the speaker had 30 seconds remaining, and then when their time was up.

As a reminder, the BOD passed the following policy:

*In an effort to keep our school community and students as safe as possible, for the school year 2021-2022 all adults spending an extended amount of time at MGNS,*

*including staff, helping parent/adult volunteers, and adults accompanying children in Toddler Time, will be required to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19.*

## **2. Public Appearances**

The following is the order of individuals who were allotted time to speak:

- Peter Miller spoke in support of his challenge to the policy in question.
- Rachel Miller spoke in support of the challenge to the policy.
- Megan Roman spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Lindsey Gunther left the meeting.
- Maria Roman passed on speaking, but later inserted a written comment in the chat feature of the meeting.
- Jarel Gary spoke.
- Jeremy Wisdom spoke.
- Katrina Jones spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Clarissa Russ spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Jessica Bingham spoke in support of the challenge to the policy.
- Laura Fabick spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Neal Crowder spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Matt Brown spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Jessica Gary spoke.
- Chris Roman spoke in support of the policy as written.
- Susan Kaseman spoke in support of the policy as written.

IN addition, the following coop members wrote into the board to support the policy or to support rescinding the policy. The School Director read the names and their opinion into the record.

- Rachel and Pater Miller in support of rescinding the policy
- McKenzie and Neal Crowder wrote in support of policy.
- Mike Szczys wrote in support of policy.
- Amanda Szczys wrote in support of policy.
- Jessica Karns Bingham - support if rescinding the policy.
- Julia and Dustin Klubertanz wrote in support of policy.
- Ashley Bergeron, MPH wrote in support of policy.
- Laura McGuire wrote in support of policy.
- Hanna Hartmann wrote in support of policy.
- Chelsea Fait wrote in support of policy.
- Gretchen Mokros wrote in support of policy.
- Megan Aaroen wrote a neutral comment regarding the policy.
- Rachel Navarre wrote in support of policy.
- Carley wrote in support of policy.
- The Roman Family wrote in support of policy.
- Linda Franz wrote in support of policy.
- Megan Planey wrote in support of policy.
- Zach Barber wrote in support of policy.
- Scott and Melissa Ebbens wrote in support of policy. Clarissa Russ- Support of policy

- Susan Kaseman wrote in support of policy.
- Rebekah and John Herman wrote in support of policy.
- April Wood, MD wrote in support of policy.

**3. Items for Discussion**

**a. Should we change the policy approved on May 17 which reads:**

*In an effort to keep our school community and students as safe as possible, for the school year 2021-2022 all adults spending an extended amount of time at MGNS, including staff, helping parent/adult volunteers, and adults accompanying children in Toddler Time, will be required to provide proof of vaccination for COVID-19.*

Kathryn opened the floor to MGNS Board discussion.

Chyna Benzine spoke in support of policy.

Nicole Smiale asked a question of Peter Miller, who answered.

Sara Brellie asked a question of Jessica Bingham, who answered.

Clint Cecil spoke in appreciation of everyone who attended the meeting.

Kathryn left the floor open for discussion and noted that the floor was open to a motion to change or rescind the policy.

No additional discussion was had.

**4. Adjournment**

- a. MGNS Vice President Beth Kernan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MGNS Fundraising Coordinator Clint Cecil seconded the motion.**

**President Mingione adjourned this special meeting at 9:04pm, thanking everyone for their participation.**