



**MISSION:** *Alturas International Academy promotes academic distinction while empowering students to be principled and intellectual leaders as they explore, create, investigate, and analyze in a safe, engaged, collaborative environment that inspires them to make a genuine difference in their local and global community.*

**VISION:** *The Academy seeks to support, educate, and inspire every student to think critically and collaboratively, value learning, and recognize their common humanity and shared stewardship of the planet. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we inspire students to be life-long learners, critical thinkers, and global citizens.*

## Alturas International Academy Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021

**Location:** 2280 E 17th St  
Idaho Falls, ID 83402

**Time:** 5:32 PM

### Board Members:

1. Jared Allen
2. Candise Gilbert (Vice Chair)
3. Jaime Mayo (Secretary)
4. Kevan Weaver, zoom
5. Collin Hunter (Treasurer), absent
6. Jeff Carr
7. Lee Stimpson
8. Callie Hatch (Chair)

### Public Forum (15 minutes - 3 minutes/person)

18 members of the public attended live  
members of the public attended virtually

**Jennifer Wentzel:** Alturas parent for 4 years. Her kids struggled last year with the mask mandate, physically and mentally (eczema, claustrophobia). Masks aren't necessary for the kids--children aren't in danger. Even less danger than the flu.

Shae Christensen: 2 kids at the school. Thanks to the school. Masks for the kids was too hard--didn't warrant any benefit. Causes health damage. Study in FL showed dangerous bacteria on the masks. Debris from the masks also harmful--microfibers.



**Stephanie Bowan:** 2 kids at Alturas. She understands that people with immune issues have fears, but they are not the majority. Doesn't feel that the masks are necessary and that the mask issue should be a choice not a mandate.

**Ashley Coombs:** passed, then spoke at the end. 480 deaths of flu, yet there weren't masks for that. It's more deadly than COVID.

**Russel Robinson:** Express his gratitude. The majority don't need masks. Brought props to express his view of them not being necessary.

**Stephanie Call:** Baby needing surgery...masks caused more developmental problems than it helped.

**Call Child:** feels bad for the youngest kids in the elementary not being able to see faces.

#### **Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

- July Board Meeting Minutes
- ~~Financials~~

Candice Gilbert made a motion. Jeff Carr 2nd it. passed.

#### **Other Financial Business**

#### **Board Business**

- Strategic Planning Retreat **October 15th**
- Kevin King - board applicant **(ACTION ITEM)** Jared Allen made a motion to defer to next month. Callie Hatch seconded it. Passed.
- Janitor Contract **(ACTION ITEM)** Lee Stimpson made a motion to approve the contract. Jaime Mayo seconded it. Passed.
- Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan **(ACTION ITEM)** Callie Hatch took a moment to express the process of how the plan was made and our goal of keeping the kids in the school full time rather than part time with online learning. Michelle Ball took a moment to explain how the administration developed the plan and why our model (with collaborative learning) especially has a need to protect the community of the classroom.



Quick explanation: Mask required at 30/10,000 (high risk). Surface cleaning. Kids don't come to schools with fevers or any sickness. Teachers and leadership will make special effort to support emotional health of the students, and will receive training. When children can be vaccinated they won't need to be masked. No plexi glass.

Bryan Bingham spoke: The consistency of our school last year was stable and healthy, and we want to keep it that way so the kids can learn.

Each board member took a moment.

Jared Allen asked for public input and comment on how to prevent school closures in the future.

- perhaps look at hospitalizations
- perhaps just look at numbers in our district

Jaime Mayo made a motion to accept the safe return to in-person instruction plan.

Candice Gilbert 2nd it. Passed.

**Executive Director Report** Michelle: Teacher training has commenced; it's going well. Playground will be installed in mid-September.

### **Academic Excellence Committee Report**

### **Development & Community Relations Report**

### **Finance Committee Report**

### **Governance Committee Report**

<https://www.bloom.org/charter-governance-guide/> skip

### **Policies – ACTION ITEMS**

- 3030 Dual Enrollment
- 3040 Compulsory Attendance
- 3050 Attendance
- 3220 Student Use of Buildings



- 3255 Student Dress
- 3330 Student Discipline
- 3340 Corrective Actions and Punishment
- 3340P Corrective Actions and Punishment Procedure
- 3370 Searches and Seizures
- 3370P Searches and Seizures Procedure

Made a motion to adopt the policies subject to the modifications discussed. Jeff Carr 2nd. Passed.

Lee Stimpson made a motion to end the meeting. Jared Allen 2nd it. Passed.

## Adjournment 7:18 PM

Our board meetings are open to the public and provide an excellent opportunity to learn about what the board is working on at Alturas International Academy. We welcome all members of the Alturas community to come and observe our meetings.

Public Forum is held the first 15 minutes of each regularly scheduled Board Meeting. We kindly ask that you keep your comments to 3 minutes. Board members may not immediately respond to public comment. Issues and comment will be recorded and addressed by the proper individual(s) for follow-up. Public comment should NOT include observations or complaints about an individual staff member, teacher, or student.

When you sign in please make a note of your interest to address the board in public forum.