

## **MINUTES FOR LCHS COUNCIL ELECTRONIC VOTE OF NOVEMBER 6, 2020**

By electronic mail on November 6, 2020, Robert Stevens requested that Council members vote on the following motion brought to Council by the Nursery School Board:

Motion: The Nursery School Board recommends that the following plan be adopted. As long as the East Penn School District (EPSD) continues to offer in-person instruction, the Nursery School will remain on its current schedule. If/when EPSD moves to all-remote instruction, the Board plans to proceed with “option B” (a blended model of instruction for our four and five year old students and in-person instruction for our three year old students). The blended instructional model for the school’s four and five year old students would have the students attend in person two days per week and participate in remote learning two days per week. This change would allow the Nursery School to reduce the number of classes in the building to two per day. It would provide for consistent contact and learning for the children, and it would afford parents with an option for their child(ren) when the parent(s) needs to take care of other duties. For the three year old students, who only attend two or three days per week, having in-person classes would maintain a school routine. The Nursery School Board will continue to monitor the school’s role in community spread of the coronavirus and re-evaluate the instructional plan based on that information.

Additional Background: Lehigh County has now been designated as an area with substantial transmission of the coronavirus. It is expected that the state government will recommend (not mandate) that County public schools move to a remote-only instructional plan if the County remains in the “substantial” transmission category for another week.

It is understood that Concordia Pre-school plans to remain open (in classroom) even if the EPSD moves to remote instruction. Coronavirus-mitigation efforts so far seem to have been effective for the Nursery School. The Nursery School Board, as noted above, would re-evaluate remote-learning and blended-learning options depending on new governmental recommendations, EPSD decisions, changes in status at other local nursery schools, and other relevant new information on safety in the community.

As the first person responding to the call for votes on the motion, C. McGrath is considered to have seconded the motion. Affirmative responses were electronically received from the following on November 6, 2020: M. Blower, F. Casciano, R. Doty, Pr. R. Elliott, K. Ervin, C. McGrath, N. McNally, C. Pirrotta, Pr. T. Reichley, D. Rohrbach, and M. Stanziola.

S. Mathieu abstained from the voting. There were no responses indicating an objection to the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 11 to 0 (zero), with 1 abstention.

Respectfully submitted, Richard L. Doty, Secretary