### **Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Date: November 17, 2022**

### **Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**

### **Commencement Time: 5 pm**

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

1. **Meeting Opening:** 
   1. Michelle Lorio called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Phillip Dersham read the mission. Jennifer Minolfo called roll and a quorum was established.
   2. Meeting Attendance:
      1. Present:
         * Lori Mastromonico, Michelle Lorio, Stephen Lance, Mandy Sims, Alisa Perry, Reggie Rearden, Kelly Schepens, David Tamburello, Melissa McKnight, Phillip Dersham, Jennifer Minolfo, Sandy Blankenship
      2. Absent:
         * None
      3. Public members:
         * Chevonne Slack
2. **Old Business: No old business**
3. **Matters for Decision:**
   1. Approval of October Meeting Minutes:
      1. The minutes were approved. Michelle Lorio motioned for approval. Phillip Dersham seconded. Vote was unanimous.

b. Approval of September Financials:

i. Michelle motioned to approve September financials. Mandy Sims seconded. Vote was unanimous.

c. Approval of October Financials:

i. Michelle Lorio motioned to approve October financials. Mandy Sims seconded. Vote was unanimous.

d. Mandy Sims motioned to add Voting positions of board members to the agenda in Matters for Decision. Phillip Dersham seconded. All approved.

i. Mandy Sims motioned to appoint Michelle Lorio as Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Phillip Dersham seconded motion. All approved.

ii. Michelle Lorio motioned to appoint David Tamburello as Vice Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Kelly Schepens seconded the motion. All approved.

iii. Michelle Lorio motioned to appoint Mandy Sims as Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year. Alisa Perry seconded the motion. All approved.

iv. Michelle Lorio motioned to appoint Phillip Dersham as Treasurer for the 2022-2023 school year. Alisa Perry seconded the motion. All approved.

e. Mandy Sims motioned to add Board Meeting time and dates for the 2022-2023 school year to the agenda in Matters for Decision. Phillip Dersham seconded. All approved.

i. Michelle motioned to maintain the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 pm to hold each meeting for the 2022-2023 school year. Alisa Perry seconded. All approved.

f. Michelle Lorio motioned to add support dog to agenda under Matters for Decision. David Tamburello seconded. There will be a therapy dog coming on campus once a week to help students. There will be a $400 purchase of insurance a year for this. A google form will be sent out to parents. Mandy motioned to approve the purchase of insurance for the therapy dog. Jennifer Minolfo seconded. All approved.

**4. Matters for Discussion**

a. Fundraising Committee Update – None

b. Presentation by Stephan Lance

**5. Executive Session**

a. None

**6. Matters of Noting:**

a. School/Principal’s Update (Lori Mastromonico)

i. Athletics: Girls Volleyball won league championship. Golf and Cross Country had strong seasons. Pickleball and Basketball starting soon.

Pack News: Tomorrow is Color Wars. Mrs. Slack has taken over the Packs. Serotona sold bracelets for Fotas. Pink Out Day made close to $400. This money was raised for a charity called Can Hope.

Beta Club induction Ceremony will be held December 2nd.

Veterans Day Celebration: Muffins with Military. We had 35 guests.

Book Mobile is coming out to Tall Pines every 2 weeks.

Scarecrow done by parents in downtown Aiken won 1st runner up.

December 7th will be the 1st Interest Night for next year at 5pm.

Application for lottery is live on school website.

Math teachers are at a math conference in Greenville. Some teachers were sent to Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, GA

Lori Mastromonico will be sending board members a policy on excessive absenteeism to review before next board meeting.

**7. Meeting Finalization:**

a. Review actions to be taken:

i. New board members will participate in SCDE Virtual Board Training on Wednesday, November 30th.

Next Meeting:

* + 1. January 19, 2023 at 5:00pm
  1. Comments:
     1. None
  2. Meeting close:
     1. It was motioned by Michelle Lorio to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Kelly Schepens and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.