

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: January 20, 2022

Location: Tall Pines STEM Academy, Aiken, South Carolina

Commencement Time: 5:00 P.M. Presiding: Michelle Lorio, Chair

1. Meeting Opening:

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Mission Statement

“The mission of Tall Pines STEM Academy is to provide an option for families where STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is intertwined in the school’s culture and prepares middle school students to become the next generation of ethical leaders. Tall Pines STEM Academy will provide a combination of classroom and outdoor learning experiences to engage students, promote wellness and physical fitness, inspire creativity, foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and cultivate citizenship and leadership skills through rigorous and relevant content and projects in a natural setting.”
- Call Roll and Establish Quorum(Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims, Alisa Perry, Chasity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Phillip Dersham, Tim Meesseman, Tracie McBride, Wendy Dietzel)
- Public Comments

Please note that the official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the “Public Comments” section of the agenda or as directed by the board chair. Each speaker has 2 minutes and speakers may not ask questions of the Board Members. Board members may not engage speakers in discussion. Disruptive behavior and personal attacks aimed at students, staff or board members are not permitted.

2. Old Business:

- PTA Update - 990N filed? Financial Records mailed to state PTA?
- Generic Board Address - Who receives this e-mail?
- Board Insurance and 4% of the Budget for the Board?

3. Matters for Decision:

- Approve meeting minutes from November 2021 Board Meeting
- Approve monthly financials from November and December 2021
- Replacement of Patsy Smith as ex-officio non-voting representative of Youth Learning Institute
- Adjourn to Executive discussion (as necessary for Legal, Personnel, or Contract matters)

4. Matters for Discussion:

- Finance Committee Updates - Wendy Dietzel
- Fundraising Committee Updates – New Board Member or subcommittee?
 - Gym Update (expected completion date?)
 - Flooring/Heating and A/C - What is TPSA’s financial obligation? Do we need quotes?
 - Bathrooms?
 - Fundraising (selling bricks or hanging banners for sponsorships)
 - Hosting events? Insurance?
- Principal Search Committee

5. Matters for Noting:

- School/Principal’s Update
 - Lottery numbers

6. Meeting Finalization:

- Review actions to be taken
- Next Meeting – February 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm