

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 14, 2020

Location: Zoom Meeting (due to COVID-19)

Commencement Time: 4:30 pm

Presiding: Jobina Wiemer

1. Meeting Opening:

- a. Jobina called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and read the mission. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.

2. Meeting Attendance:

- a. Present:
 - i. Maureen Carrigan, Brad Siedschlag, Patsy Smith, Bridget Coleman, Jobina Wiemer, Mandy Sims, Russell Stillinger (left at 5:25pm), Tim Meesseman, Tara Heuberger, Tim Behling
- b. Absent:
 - i. None
- c. Public members:
 - i. None

3. Matters for Decision:

- a. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Tim missed sending February minutes out – will send at a later time
- b. Monthly Financials:
 - i. Financials for February 2020
 - No issues with February financials
 - A motion was made by Tim B to approve financials and seconded by Bridget
 - Mandy motioned to add March financials to agenda for today since the March 2020 board meeting was canceled due to COVID-19. Motion was seconded by Bridget.
 - ii. Financials for March 2020
 - No issues with March financials
 - A motion was made by Tim M to approve financials and seconded by Tara
- c. Approve School Calendar for 2020-2021
 - i. Brad stated that schedule may be changed based on Masters Tournament rescheduling
 - ii. Maureen motioned to approved calendar as-is and was seconded by Mandy
- d. Approved Quarter 4 Grading Calculation
 - i. Grading system change was requested due to COVID-19 e-learning
 - We need to continue teaching, but students have different situations like working parents and limited internet
 - We are now hoping for an effort-based approach

- Continue teaching, but we want it to be where the students have flexibility and opportunity to work and do their best
 - Students will have the whole week to complete their assignments
 - If it looks like they're doing their best, they will get a 100 – it scales down from there
 - It's about keeping the kids engaged and being forgiving about grades
 - No final exams
 - Teachers will have some flexibility because there is a big difference between Special Ed kids and top students
 - Only a few kids have had issues with limited internet
 - Mandy motioned to approve temporary grading system and seconded by Maureen
- e. Adjourn to Executive Session:
- i. Nothing to discuss.

4. Matters for Discussion

- a. Finance Committee Updates:
 - i. No updates from Dr. Carrigan

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. School/Principal's Update (Brad)
 - i. Since funds are already spent, cancelled field trips for current 6th and 7th graders will be rescheduled for the Fall

6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
 - i. None
- b. Next Meeting:
 - i. Tentatively planned for May 19, 2020 at 4:30 pm (uncertain due to COVID-19)
- c. Comments:
 - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
 - i. It was moved by Maureen to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tim M and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.