

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 17, 2018

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

Commencement Time: 6:00pm

Presiding: Stuart Johnson

1. **Meeting Opening:** Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:01pm and Deborah McMurtrie read the mission. Laura Parr called roll and a quorum was established.
2. **Present:** Stuart Johnson, Laura Parr, Patsy Smith, Jobina Wiemer, Maureen Carrigan, Deborah McMurtrie, Brad Siedschlag, Catherine Baker and James McNulty
Public members: None present
3. **Matters for Decision:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:** September minutes were corrected and it was moved by Deborah McMurtrie to approve the corrected minutes. It was seconded and approved.
 - b. **Approval of Financial Statement:** October and September financials were reviewed. The approval of the October and September financials was moved by Laura Parr seconded and approved.
 - c. **Make Up Day:** It was moved by Laura Parr, seconded and approved that the make up weather day be Friday, October 19, 2018.
Patsy explained that the Charter District was not originally approved to use technology as make up days due to poor weather. The Charter District is going to rewrite the policy and put in place that YLA and TPSA be allowed to utilize technology during such instances. There are guidelines for the assignments for being able to use the technology. The Charter District board of directors will meet in November and it is on their agenda.
 - d. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** It was moved by Maureen Carrigan seconded and approved to adjourn to executive session at 6:14pm. It was moved by Jim McNulty seconded and approved to return to regular session at 6:27pm.
 - e. **Board Appointed Positions:**
There were 3 two-year term positions open on the board of directors.
It was moved by Laura Parr, seconded and approved that the Local Business Board Position be Stuart Johnson. It was moved by Stuart Johnson, seconded and approved for the educator positions be Dr. Bridget Coleman and Jobina Wiemer.
4. **Matters for Discussion:**
 - a. **Finance Committee Updates:** Maureen didn't have any updates. Kim continues to do an amazing job.
 - b. **October Elections:** Ballots will go out tomorrow to parents and must be returned by October 30 at 3:00pm. Stuart Johnson and Dr. McMurtrie will be here on October 31 at 8:00am to count the ballots.
 - c. **Enrollment Policies and Procedures:** It was moved by Maureen to add to the agenda the enrollment procedures. It was seconded and approved. The board reviewed the joint YLA and TPSA Enrollment Policy and Procedure drafted by Tony Catone. Stuart made a note regarding bullet point E: Adoption and Parent, he made suggestions on

clarifying and separating out the definitions. It was moved by Laura Parr as amended by bullet point 3 separating adoption from guardian.

- d. **Transition to new board:** Stuart requested that the board members leaving return to the next board meeting November 14 @ 6:00 in order to be recognized for their service.

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. **School/Principal Update** – Principal Siedschlag talked about the construction happening on campus. Finishing up the world’s finest chocolate fundraiser. The 8th graders are planning a trip to Washington D.C. There will be an In-service for faculty and staff on CPR and first aid on Monday, October 22, 2018. Spirit Week will be the last week of October. Pink out day is Friday, October 19. Movie day will be the day before Thanksgiving to promote community. The English 1 class will be attending the Dracula ballet. English 1, Algebra 1 and Geometry students took the PSAT on October 10. Stuart has not had any complaints from parents during the last month.

6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. **Review actions to be taken:** Ballot counting on October 31, 2018. Stuart will notify Dr. Bridget Coleman of her new appointment.
- b. **Next Meeting:** November 14, 2018 @ 6:00pm
- c. **Meeting close:** It was moved by Deborah to adjourn and seconded at 6:50pm.