

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: December 15, 2020**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**  
**Commencement Time: 4:30 pm**

Presiding: Mandy Sims

**1. Meeting Opening:**

- a. Mandy called the meeting to order at 4:34pm and read the mission. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.

**2. Meeting Attendance:**

- a. Present:
  - i. Brad Siedschlag, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman, Michelle Lorio, Chasity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Sally Tice, Tracie McBride
- b. Absent:
  - i. Patsy Smith, Tara Heuberger, Kristie Bodie
- c. Public members:
  - i. None.

**3. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approve November Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Add unanimous board approval for all elected officers
  - ii. Michelle motioned to approve November minutes as amended and Jennifer seconded
- b. Monthly Financials:
  - i. Financials for November 2020
    - Tabled until January 2021
- c. Adjourn to Executive Session:
  - i. Nothing to discuss.

**4. Matters for Discussion**

- a. Finance Committee Updates:
  - i. N/A
- b. Fundraising Committee Updates:
  - i. PTA is willing to work with us.
  - ii. Nothing more to add as of now.

**5. Matters of Noting:**

- a. Informational Budget Presentation (Patsy)
  - i. Tabled until January 2021
- b. Diversity Statistics (Brad)
  - i. Brad passed out infographic showing in-depth demographics at TPSA, breaking down ethnicities as they apply to grade level and geography
- c. School/Principal's Update (Brad)

- i. Still in school
- ii. Boys and girls basketball game played for the first time
- iii. COVID contact resulted in some quarantining
- iv. Half day on Friday
  - Brunch theme
  - Pickleball
  - Rock painting
- v. Clubs have started
  - Ukulele Club
  - Arts & Crafts Club
  - Cooking Club
  - Gardening Club
  - Running Club
- vi. Christmas break begins next week
- vii. Finishing up MAP testing
- viii. Cornhole tournament made around \$2000
- ix. Information night on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- x. 8<sup>th</sup> graders take PSAT on January 26<sup>th</sup>
- xi. Soccer likely starting in Spring
  - No fans, just for kids

## 6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. Tim to send out Actions to Board every month
  - ii. Patsy to get Tim district contact info for upcoming meeting dates
  - iii. Mandy to add Bylaw Refresher and Old Business to agenda moving forward
  - iv. Brad to get flyer information to board
  - v. Brad to contact Garen Cofer about radio interview
  - vi. Sally to talk to Chris at Second Baptist Church
  - vii. Chasity to talk to barber shops
  - viii. Jennifer to talk to Family Y
  - ix. Tracie to talk to minister's council and Salvation Army
- b. Next Meeting:
  - i. January 19 @ 4:30pm
- c. Comments:
  - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
  - i. It was moved by Tim to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Chasity and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.