

## Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 17, 2019

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

Commencement Time: 6:00 pm

Presiding: Jim McNulty

1. **Meeting Opening:** Jim called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and Jim read the mission. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.  
**Present:** Mandy Sims, Maureen Carrigan, Brad Siedschlag, Jim McNulty, Jobina Wiemer  
**Public members:** There were no public members in attendance.  
**Public Comments:** No public comments  
**Safety Topic:** Jim discussed the dangers of distracted driving.
2. **Matters for Decision:**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** March minutes will be reviewed during the May board meeting.
  - b. **Approval of Financial Statement:** The March financial statement will be reviewed during the May board meeting.
  - c. **Board Vacancy Appointment:** Stuart Johnson has resigned from the TPSA board effective April 17, 2019.
    - i. Motion was made by Maureen and seconded by Jobina to move to executive session at 6:39 pm.
    - ii. Motion was made by Jobina and seconded by Maureen to return from executive session at 6:49 pm.
    - iii. Jobina will make contact with two previous applicants from the most recent board elections last fall to offer them the vacant openings on the board.
3. **Matters for Discussion:**
  - a. **Finance Committee Updates:**
    - i. No updates from Dr. Carrigan
  - b. **School Improvement Council**
    - i. Principal Brad stated he met with Patsy Smith last week and the SIC will continue to plan for startup before the next school year begins.
  - c. **Discipline Procedures – Update from Staff**
    - i. Brad provided a draft of the student discipline plan for the board to review. The goal is to have the plan approved prior to July 2019.
  - d. **Board Expansion – Timing and Charter Amendment**
    - i. This has been placed on hold until the board is reestablished at current capacity.
4. **Matters of Noting:**
  - a. **School/Principal's Update (Brad)**
    - i. Camp Timberwolf will take place July 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Long for rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
    - ii. MAP Testing just took place and results will be provided at the next board meeting in May.
    - iii. Brad reviewed the events which took place since the last meeting and provided feedback on those events.
    - iv. Brad recognized Barbara Roberts for receiving a grant from SRNS for \$1000 which will go towards Robotics.
    - v. Recruitment opportunities were reviewed.
      1. Discussed sign placement around Aiken as well as strategic events at which Tall Pines representatives could participate in such as Earth Day and SEED.
5. **Meeting Finalization:**
  - a. **Review actions to be taken:**
    - i. Jobina will contact potential board members.
    - ii. Invite Stuart Johnson to May board meeting.
    - iii. Jobina will review possibility of having a hearing officer for the board.

- iv. Brad will email discipline plan draft to the board for review.
  - 1. Board will review discipline policy prior to the next meeting to be able to provide feedback.
- v. Brad will bring MAP testing results to the May board meeting to review.

b. **Next Meeting – May 15, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**

c. **Comments:**

- i. None.

d. **Meeting close:** It was moved by Jobina to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jim and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.