

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: July 20, 2021**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken, SC**  
**Commencement Time: 4:37**

Presiding: Mandy Sims

1. Meeting Opening:
  - a. Mandy called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm and read the mission statement. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.
  - b. Meeting Attendance:
    - a. Brad Siedschlag, Mandy Sims, Tara Heuberger, Kristi Bodie, Chasity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Michelle Lorio, Sally Tice, Jennifer Minolfo
    - b. Absent: Tim Meesseman, Tracie McBride, Patsy Smith
    - c. Public Members: N/A
2. Old Business
  - a. N/A
3. Matters For Decision
  - a. Approve May Meeting Minutes:
    - i. Approval of May Minutes – Motion made by Kristi Bodie and seconded by Tara Heuberger
  - b. Approve May and June Monthly Financials:
    - i. May and June Financials will be reviewed and voted on during the August Board Meeting.
4. Matters for Discussion
  - a. Finance Committee Updates – Tara
    - i. No updates
  - b. Fundraising Committee Updates – Kristi
    - i. No updates
5. Matters of Noting
  - a. Principals Report –
    - i. School is back in session August 11, 2021.
    - ii. Back to a full-time 5 day schedule with no option for virtual.
    - iii. Masks are optional.
    - iv. Camp Timberwolf for our rising 5<sup>th</sup> – approx. 50 registered.
    - v. 7 new hires for a total of 24 teachers.
    - vi. Afterschool program to provide intervention for failing students. This will run all year.
    - vii. Full time janitor and full time maintenance employee this year.
    - viii. Hickory Knob teacher retreat is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Building Bridges.”
    - ix. August 12<sup>th</sup> shovels in the ground to begin gym construction. Expected completion by the end of the school year.
    - x. 2022-2023 school year foreign language courses will be offered.
    - xi. Volleyball, Soccer and Basketball for girls and Soccer and Basketball for boys.

- xii. Chasity McDaniel suggested that Brad look into licenses for Apex – foreign language as well as additional on-line courses.

6. Meeting Finalization

- a. Review Actions to be taken:
  - i. List of teachers will be sent to the Board.
  - ii. The board will bring a simple meal for the teacher on open house night.
- b. Next Meeting:
  - i. August 17, 2021 at 5:00
- c. Comments:
  - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
  - i. It was moved by Jennifer Minolfo to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Sally Tice and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.