

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 14, 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 6:00pm and introductions were made of new and old board members. Laura Parr read the mission statement. Laura called roll and a quorum was established.
2. **Present:** Stuart Johnson, Laura Parr, Patsy Smith, Jim McNulty, Jobina Wiemer, Mandy Sims, Maureen Carrigan, Deborah McMurtrie (retiring board member), Brad Siedshlag, Catherine Baker (retiring board member) and Dr. Bridget Coleman via phone

Absent: None

Public members: 2 members

3. **Matters for Decision:**

- a. **Approval of Minutes:** A few Corrections were made regarding spelling. Laura Parr made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. They were seconded and approved.
- b. **Approval of Financial Statement:** Jim McNulty made a motion to approve the September Financial Statements. It was seconded and approved.
- c. **Results of the School Board Ballots:** Laura made a motion to add the 2018-2019 board election results to the agenda, it was seconded and approved. Stuart reported we had 113 Ballots that were counted twice on October 31, 2018. Jim McNulty won the ballot for the business position, Maureen Carrigan and Laura Parr won the Parent positions and the At-Large position went to Mandy Sims.
- d. **Appointment Officers for 2018-2019 terms:** Deborah made a motion to nominate and appoint Stuart Johnson as Chair, it was seconded and approved. Jobina Wiemer made a motion to nominate and appoint Jim McNulty for Vice Chairmen, it was seconded and approved. Laura Parr made a motion to nominate and appoint Maureen Carrigan for Treasurer, it was seconded and approved. Jobina Wiemer made a motion to nominate and appoint Mandy Sims for Secretary, it was seconded and approved.
- e. **Approve Board Meeting Calendar for December 2018-November 2019:** It was determined that Wednesday evenings fit the calendar the best. We also decided to not meet during the month of December and July. Maureen Carrigan made a motion to approve the following dates, it was seconded and approved.

January 16, 2019

February 20, 2019

March 20, 2019

April 17, 2019

May 15, 2019

June 19, 2019

No July Meeting

August 21, 2019

September 18, 2019

October 16, 2019

November 20, 2019

- f. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** Not necessary
- 4. Matters for Discussion:**
- a. **Finance Committee Updates** – No updates from Maureen Carrigan
 - b. **School Improvement Council:** Maureen Carrigan made a motion to add the School Improvement Council as an agenda item, it was seconded and approved. Principal Siedschlag discussed the school improvement council. He proposed that we implement it. He will send the interest form out to parents. We will discuss again at the January board meeting to approve the members of the council and approve the implementation of the council.
 - c. **Thank you to outgoing board members:** An appreciation towards Catherine Baker and Deborah McMurtrie was acknowledged.
 - d. **Board Training for new board members:** Stuart confirmed that new members received the e-mail with the link to the new board member training.
- 5. Matters of Noting:**
- a. **School/Principal Update** – Principal Siedschlag
Budget Meeting with Clemson about expansion. They are going to add more buildings before Christmas. They have not had an official discussion about expanding the school as far as enrollment.
He discussed Veterans Day.
The Grinch movie Field Trip will be on Friday. This week is anti-bullying week.
We also discussed transportation issues and want to continue to try to pull potential resources.
MAP testing will be happening in January.
New Enrollments and some 5th graders had not had CogAT Testing and he said it was in the works for them to complete. It's an important test since it can impact finances.
November 27 South Aiken and Aiken H.S. will be present to address the rising 9th graders.
He also stated that the Scholars Academy reached out to come and speak with the students.
- 6. Meeting Finalization:**
- a. **Review actions to be taken:** Student Improvement Council nominations will go out to all the students. Expand the memo column on the Financial report. Jim McNulty will send the Board Meeting Calendar dates to Rich Richards. Board member Officer names will be updated on the website. Minutes can also be added to the website. We will also double check on all board members background check information and make sure it's up to date.
 - b. **Next Meeting – January 16, 2019 @ 6:00pm**
 - c. **Comments:** Deborah McMurtrie thanked everyone for the experience she had while on the board.

- d. **Meeting close:** Stuart Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53pm, it was seconded and approved.