

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 21, 2021
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 4:35pm and Tara read the mission. Tim called roll, and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
 - i. Present:
 - Brad Siedschlag, Patsy Smith, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman, Tara Heuberger, Michelle Lorio, Kristi Bodie, Chasity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Sally Tice, Tracie McBride
 - ii. Absent:
 - None
 - iii. Public members:
 - Lori Mastromonico

2. Old Business

- a. PTA (added to agenda)
 - i. Tim motioned to add PTA discussion to the agenda and Tara seconded
 - ii. PTA is not operating according to the bylaws that were set by the state PTA organization
 - iii. Former PTA VP and current President say there were no meetings held last year
 - iv. No end-of-year reconciliation of financials
 - v. Money in account, but we don't yet know the amount in it
 - vi. Bank account signers are three individuals and not current
 - vii. We are waiting to get access to money in account so that PTA can be resolved properly
 - viii. Mandy and Kristi will meet with the current President to make progress

3. Matters for Decision:

- a. Approve August Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Kristi motioned to approve August minutes as-amended and Tara seconded
 - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- b. Monthly Financials:
 - i. Financials for July 2021
 - Kristi motioned to approve financials for July and Tara seconded
 - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- c. Monthly Financials:
 - i. Financials for August 2021
 - Michelle motioned to approve financials for August and Jennifer seconded
 - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- d. Adjourn to Executive Session:
 - i. Kristi motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:00 pm and Chasity seconded

- ii. Kristi motioned to exit Executive Session at 6:20 pm and Chasity seconded

4. Matters for Discussion

- a. Effective September 30, Brad Siedschlag is resigning as principal of Tall Pines STEM Academy. The board is appreciative of everything Brad has done for this school, and he will be missed.
- b. Sally motioned to appoint Lori Mastromonico as interim principal through the end of the 2021-2022 school year and was seconded by Tim.
- c. A subcommittee will be formed in January 2022 to formally search for a permanent principal for the 2022-2023 school year.
- d. Finance Committee Updates (Tara):
 - i. N/A
- e. Fundraising Committee Updates (Kristi):
 - i. Kristi is being added to the fundraising mailing list so she is informed of all fundraising events moving forward

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. Upcoming Board Elections
 - i. Two parent positions
 - ii. One business person
 - iii. Two community at large people
 - iv. Nomination forms will be distributed this week
- b. School/Principal's Update (Brad)
 - i. Lori presented SC Ready data
 - ii. Cornhole tournament on November 28
 - iii. Construction on the gym is well underway
 - iv. Volleyball team won again tonight
 - v. Interim reports went out last week
 - vi. Parent/Teacher conferences went well

6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
 - i. None
- b. Next Meeting:
 - i. October 19 @ 4:30pm
- c. Comments:
 - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
 - i. It was moved by Tara to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tim and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.