

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting July 25, 2024

Location: Tall Pines STEM Academy, Aiken, South Carolina

Commencement Time: 5:00 P.M. Presiding: Mandy Sims

1. Meeting Opening:

- Welcome and Mission Statement

"The mission of Tall Pines STEM Academy is to provide an option for families where STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is intertwined in the school's culture and prepares middle school students to become the next generation of ethical leaders. Tall Pines STEM Academy will provide a combination of classroom and outdoor learning experiences to engage students, promote wellness and physical fitness, inspire creativity, foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and cultivate citizenship and leadership skills through rigorous and relevant content and projects in a natural setting."

- Call Roll and Establish Quorum

Cheryl Fogle, Joel Stewart, Jeremy Greene, Kelly Schepens, David Tamburello, Mandy Sims, Melissa McKnight

Absent: Michelle Lorio and Jennifer Minolfo

- Public Comments

None

2. Old Business

- None

3. Matters for Decision:

- Approval of the May 2024 meeting minutes

- Correction noted on the spelling of Builders Club. David Tamburello motioned to approve, Kelly Schepens seconded, all members voted to approve with amendments.

- Approval of the monthly financials from May 2024.

- David Tamburello motioned to approve, Cheryl Fogle seconded, all members voted to approve

- Approval of the monthly financials from June 2024.

- David Tamburello motioned to approve, Cheryl Fogle seconded, all members voted to approve

- Adjourn to Executive discussion (as necessary for Legal, Personnel, or Contract matters)

- none

4. Matters for Discussion:

- Motion was made by David Tamburello and seconded by Cheryl Fogle to add "SCDOE Cell Phone Survey Results" to the agenda. All members approved for this topic to be added to the agenda.

- Mandy Sims read the DOE policy and the TPSA policy. TPSA seems to be in compliance but the board will review at September meeting.

5. Matters for Noting:

- School/Principal's Update

- ACSO did a security visit on campus.
- Open house is August 13th from 6 – 7:30 pm
- Pack games tomorrow
- Volleyball and Golf tryouts are in two weeks. Cross Country has started practicing. Coach Dagan is looking to add Coed flag football at students request.
- Building 15 is getting a face lift
- Dining hall has been upgraded
- Building 3 and 11 got new floors
- New decking was stained
- Nurse office has a new student bathroom and was painted
- New hires are doing great!
- Waitlist numbers : 5th – 104, 6th – 86, 7th – 136, 8th – 59

- Fundraising Committee Update
 - Fan store is open. Shirts were sold at registration and that sale did well, but we are waiting on numbers from both fundraisers. Fan store is open until next week.
 - Coach Dagan has partnered with TP parent owned businesses and will be selling coupon cards starting in September.

6. Meeting Finalization:

- Review actions to be taken
 - None
- Next Meeting – August 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm