

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: April 20, 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 4:33pm and read the mission. Tim called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
  - i. Present:
    - Brad Siedschlag, Patsy Smith, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman, Michelle Lorio, Jennifer Minolfo, Sally Tice, Tracie McBride
  - ii. Absent:
    - Tara Heuberger, Kristi Bodie , Chasity McDaniel
  - iii. Public members:
    - N/A

**2. For the Good of the Group**

- a. Presenter: Sally Tice
  - i. Topic: How Are We Funded?
    - From Board of Director training in January 2021

**3. Old Business**

- a. Update on plans for the gymnasium
  - i. Youth Learning Institute is planning to get started this summer on concrete walls
  - ii. This gymnasium will also serve as a storm shelter
  - iii. The entire school population can fit inside
  - iv. Funding was found for construction costs, which means the golf tournament funds will be able to go towards air condition and heating

**4. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approve February Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Tracie motioned to approve February minutes as-is and Sally seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- b. Approve March Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Jennifer motioned to approve March minutes as amended and Tracie seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- c. Monthly Financials:
  - i. Financials for March 2021
    - Jennifer motioned to approve financials for March and Sally seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously

- d. End of Course Weight
  - i. Students will take the end of course test because the data is important, but it will only count for 1% of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade
  - ii. Students have the option to opt out but will be encouraged to take it
  - iii. Tracie motioned to accept this plan and Michelle seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- e. 2021-2022 School Calendar – Final Reading
  - i. Tim motioned to approve calendar as-is and Jennifer seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- f. Adjourn to Executive Session:
  - i. Nothing to discuss.

## **5. Matters for Discussion**

- a. Finance Committee Updates (Tara):
  - i. N/A
- b. Fundraising Committee Updates (Kristi):
  - i. Mrs. Weimer informed us that the golf tournament will likely raise roughly \$20,000

## **6. Matters of Noting:**

- a. School/Principal's Update (Brad)
  - i. Got to go back to having field trips last week
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Charleston and Atlanta since Washington DC was not possible
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade to Atlanta
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Audubon Society
    - 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Riverbanks Zoo next week
  - ii. Field Day is June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Testing will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> of May
  - iv. 36 days of school left at time of board meeting
  - v. Mrs. Weimer made it to the finals for district teacher of the year

## **7. Meeting Finalization:**

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. N/A
- b. Next Meeting:
  - i. May 18 @ 4:30pm
- c. Comments:
  - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
  - i. It was moved by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tracie and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.