

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: February 16, 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 4:37pm and read the mission. Tim called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
  - i. Present:
    - Brad Siedschlag, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman, Tara Heuberger, Michelle Lorio, Kristi Bodie, Jennifer Minolfo, Sally Tice
  - ii. Absent:
    - Patsy Smith, Chasity McDaniel, Tracie McBride
  - iii. Public members:
    - N/A

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

- a. Presenter: Jennifer Minolfo
  - i. Topic: Differences between bylaws and charter (Section 4.4 – Powers of the Board)

**3. Old Business**

- a. Update on enrollment flyer (Brad, Tim)
  - i. Delayed, but will finish it since we still have seats to fill for 2021-2022 school year
  - ii. To be completed November, December, and January for future school years
- b. Update regarding contract with Chris at Second Baptist (Sally)
  - i. Took tour and left flyers with them
- c. Update regarding contacting Salvation Army (Tracie)
- d. TPSA School History (Patsy)
  - i. Tabled for March since Patsy is absent from meeting
- e. Previously created plans for gym expansion will be shared (Stephen/Patsy)
  - i. Brad shared he will have a plan tomorrow
  - ii. \$225k for first phase
  - iii. Patsy is working on a grant
- f. End of Course Weight
  - i. Decision needs to be made no later than March 2021
- g. Gifting Tree application (Sally)
  - i. Should be ready soon for \$5000

**4. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approve January Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Jennifer motioned to approve January minutes as amended and Kristi seconded

- b. Monthly Financials:
  - i. Financials for January 2021
    - Tim motioned to approve financials for January and Tara seconded
- c. Adjourn to Executive Session:
  - i. Nothing to discuss.

## 5. Matters for Discussion

- a. Finance Committee Updates (Tara):
  - i. N/A
- b. Fundraising Committee Updates:
  - i. Sally asked about committee meetings and when they are held
  - ii. 144 people signed up for 5K race (200 expected by race day)
  - iii. Update on golf tournament
    - We have a letter and sponsor levels done; going home with students this Friday
  - iv. Update on grants
    - Kristi submitting Gifting Tree application
    - \$20,000 grant can be used for gym expansion
      - Brad working on this

## 6. Matters of Noting:

- a. School/Principal's Update (Brad)
  - i. PSAT scores are in
    - Overall looks good
  - ii. 5K race coming up soon on the 26<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Clubs have started up and going smoothly
  - iv. Brad coaching boys soccer and Mrs. Slack is coaching girls
    - TPSA was accepted into the local middle school league to schedule actual games
  - v. Basketball has been fun and is doing well
  - vi. Car line ambulance had to be called
    - Likely a panic attack; parents couldn't be reached
    - Mom eventually came and followed ambulance to hospital
  - vii. Letters of intent for students are mostly returned
  - viii. Letters of intent for teachers are going out soon
    - One teacher is moving and will not be back
  - ix. Valentine's celebration/competition went over well and teachers were impressed
  - x. Teacher of the Year is Christie Weimer
  - xi. Currently one student that tested positive for COVID-19
    - Wasn't on campus since Thursday
    - Three close contacts are out
  - xii. Will review going back 5 days a week in the next couple weeks

## 7. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. Kristi to submit information on Gifting Tree

- ii. Kristi to get with Christie Weimer about group meetings
  - iii. Kristi to get a sketch or thermometer for fundraising
  - iv. Brad to pass on information from Paul
  - v. Sally to send information from Chris at Second Baptist Church
  - vi. Mandy to send out GroupMe invitations for unofficial board discussion
- b. Next Meeting:
  - i. March 16 @ 4:30pm
- c. Comments:
  - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
  - i. It was moved by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Kristi and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.