

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: October 19, 2021**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus, Aiken South Carolina**  
**Commencement Time: 4:35 pm**

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

**1. Meeting Opening:**

- a. Michelle called the meeting to order at 4:35pm and Tara read the mission statement. Michelle called roll, and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
  - i. Present:
    - Lori Mastromonico, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman (by phone), Tara Heuberger, Michelle Lorio, Jennifer Minolfo, Sally Tice, Tracie McBride
  - ii. Absent:
    - Kristi Bodi, Chasity McDaniel, and Patsy Smith
  - iii. Public members:
    - None

**2. Old Business**

- a. PTA Update
  - i. Mandy Sims has been in contact with the SC PTA Association to dissolve the TPSA PTA.
  - ii. PTA files and financial documentation has been requested from the former PTA President.
  - iii. The PTA bank account was closed by the former PTA President. A check in the amount of \$2,058.53 and any and all checks/cash not yet deposited will be delivered to TPSA.
  - iv. PTA membership dues will be returned to those who applied for 2021/2022 membership.

**3. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approve September Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Sally motioned to approve September minutes as-amended (correction – Cornhole Tournament Date of November 20<sup>th</sup>) and Jennifer seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- b. Monthly Financials:
  - i. Financials for September 2021
    - Mandy motioned to approve financials for September and Jennifer seconded
    - A vote was taken and accepted unanimously
- c. Adjourn to Executive Session:
  - i. N/A

**4. Matters for Discussion**

- a. Finance Committee Updates (Tara):
  - i. N/A
- b. Fundraising Committee Updates (Kristi):

- i. N/A

**5. Matters of Noting:**

- a. Upcoming Board Elections
  - i. No Local Businessperson applications were received prior to the deadline. Deadline was extended through October 22nd for Local Businesspersons only.
  - ii. Election Ballots will be distributed on October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Ballots are due on October 29<sup>th</sup> by the end of the school day.
  - iv. November 1<sup>st</sup> ballots will be counted, and winners announced.
- b. School/Principal's Update (Lori)
  - i. Report cards were sent home electronically
  - ii. TPSA students spots available: 5<sup>th</sup> grade (7 spots) 6<sup>th</sup> grade (1 spot)
  - iii. Thirteen students have applied for the TPSA student 5<sup>th</sup> grade lottery 2022/2023 school year.
  - iv. Lori met with all teachers individually to allow for ideas and concerns during administration shift. Teachers expressed concerns about discipline. A teacher led discipline committee will be started.
  - v. Parent volunteer training session was hosted and well attended. Additional 8 substitutes were added. Substitute application process has been simplified.
  - vi. Patsy approved hiring for the open literacy position.
  - vii. COVID numbers and quarantines: Zero positive cases, 3 students and 2 teachers are quarantined.

**6. Meeting Finalization:**

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. Continuing steps to dissolve TPSA PTA.
  - ii. Extend the deadline for local Business at large Board position through October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - iii. Board Election ballots will be counted, and winners announced on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Next Meeting:
  - i. November 16, 2021 @ 4:30pm
  - ii. Newly elected Board Members and Current Board Members are asked to attend.
- c. Meeting close:
  - i. It was moved by Mandy to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tara and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.