### **Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Date: August 17, 2023**

### **Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**

### **Commencement Time: 5:00 pm**

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

1. **Meeting Opening:** 
   1. David Tamburello called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Kelly Schepens read the mission. Michelle Lorio called roll and a quorum was not established.
   2. Meeting Attendance:
      1. Present:

Michelle Lorio, Lori Mastromonico, Phillip Dersham (remote), Cody Greene, Kelly Schepens, David Tamburello, Alisa Perry, Sandee Blankenship (remote)

* + 1. Absent: Melissa McKnight, Mandy Sims, Jennifer Minolfo
    2. Public members:

No public members

1. **Old Business:** 
   1. Discussed replacement of elected board members.
      1. Board discussed appointing a new member to fulfill the departing elected members position vs. leaving the position vacant until the October election.
2. **Matters for Decision:**
   1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 2023
      1. Discussion, but no vote taken (no quorum)
   2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report from July 2023
      1. Discussion, but no vote taken (no quorum)
   3. Executive Session
      1. None
3. **Matters for Discussion**
   1. Fundraising Committee Update
      1. New fundraiser – shout out for kids’ birthdays – $150 raised as of August meeting
      2. TPSA purchased snow cone machine
      3. Fan Store
4. **Matters of Noting:**
   1. Next Board of Director training will be on September 21, 2023.
   2. School/Principal’s Update (Lori Mastromonico)
      1. Principals Update
         * MAP testing – averaged 63% in both areas
         * Open House was a success
         * 8 Donors Choose Grants were funded
         * Lotterease/Enrollease
         * Athletics are underway – cross country, volleyball, etc.

* Held a successful car wash – made ~$1,000
  + - * Clubs & tutoring – beginning 1st week of September
      * S.E.E.D. coming on 9/23 – volunteers needed
      * A new special education teacher was identified. Waiting on paperwork, background check, etc.
      * Currently 383 students enrolled:
* 5th grade – 96/53
* 6th grade – 96/130
* 7th grade – 96/121
* 8th grade – 95/0
* 2024-25 school year lottery already has 24 signed up
  1. Need to send out Board Member election information:
     1. Board election to be held on 10/30
     2. All nominations/applications due by 10/13.

1. **Meeting Finalization:**
   1. Review actions to be taken:
      1. None
   2. Comments:
      1. None
   3. Meeting close:
      1. It was motioned by David Tamburello to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Allisa Perry and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.