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

### **Meeting Date: September 21, 2023**

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

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

Presiding: Mandy Sims

1. **Meeting Opening:** 
   1. David Tamburello called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm. Kelly Schepens read the mission. Mandy Sims called roll and a quorum was not established.
   2. Meeting Attendance:
      1. Present:

Mandy Sims, Kelly Schepens, David Tamburello, Melissa McKnight, Lori Mastromonico, Michelle Lorio (remote), Cody Greene,

* + 1. Absent: Alisa Perry, Jennifer Minolfo, Phillip Dersham
    2. Public members:

Richard Parks, April Parks

1. **Old Business:** 
   1. None
2. **Matters for Decision:**
   1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July and August 2023
      1. Discussion, but no vote taken (no quorum)
   2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report from July and August 2023
      1. Discussion, but no vote taken (no quorum)
   3. Executive Session
      1. David Tamburello called for adjournment to the Executive Session. Kelly Schepens seconded the motion and all were in favor.
      2. David Tamburello called for an exit from the Executive Session. Kelly Schepens seconded the motion and all were in favor.
3. **Matters for Discussion**
   1. Fundraising Committee Update
      1. New fundraiser – shout out for kids’ birthdays – $150 raised as of August meeting
      2. TPSA’s snow cone machine is a success
      3. Fan Store reported an unofficial profit of $1400
4. **Matters of Noting:**
   1. Next Board of Director training will be on October 19, 2023.
   2. School/Principal’s Update (Lori Mastromonico)
      1. Principals Update
         * SC Ready ELA scores ~74%, state average ~51%
         * SC Ready Math scores ~41%
         * 6th Grade Science ~62%
         * Need to honor the teachers for all of their hard work… targeting October 20th training
         * TPSA purchased Lotterease
   3. 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.
5. **Meeting Finalization:**
   1. Review actions to be taken:
      1. None
   2. Comments:
      1. None
   3. Meeting close:
      1. It was motioned by Kelly Schepens to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by David Tamburello and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.