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

### **Meeting Date: October 19, 2023**

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

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

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

1. **Meeting Opening:** 
   1. Mandy Sims called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Mandy Sims read the mission. Mandy Sims called roll and a quorum was established.
   2. Meeting Attendance:
      1. Present:

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

* + 1. Absent: [Alisa Perry](mailto:aperry@tallpinesacademy.com)
    2. Public members:

No public members

1. **Old Business:** 
   1. Discuss existing policy and potential revision to bullying policy
      1. Board offered suggestions on additional terminology that could be used if a revision is done. Board also offered to review any proposed changes and offer feedback if needed.
2. **Matters for Decision:**
   1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
      1. July 2023
         * The minutes were approved as written. Mandy Sims motioned for approval. Jennifer Minolfo seconded. Vote was unanimous.
      2. August 2023
         * Pending format corrections and will be approved during November 2023 meeting
      3. September 2023
         * Pending completion of minutes and will be approved during November 2023 meeting.
   2. Approval of July, August, and September 2023 Financials:
      1. Lori Mastromonico and Philip Dersham reviewed slides regarding financial updates. Slides showed trends of income, expenses, and bank balances.
      2. Jennifer Minolfo motioned to approve July, August, and September 2023 financials. Kelly Schepens seconded. Vote was unanimous.
   3. TPSA Board of Directors Appointments
      1. Michelle Lorio motioned to add this topic to the agenda. [David Tamburello](mailto:dtamburello@tallpinesacademy.com) seconded. Vote was unanimous.
      2. Open positions to be appointed are Community and Teacher
         * Motion was made by David Tamburell to appoint Mandy Sims to the community position and Melissa McKnight to the teacher position. Michelle seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
   4. Executive Session
      1. None
3. **Matters for Discussion**
   1. Fundraising Committee Update
      1. No updates
4. **Matters of Noting:**
   1. Next Board of Director training will be on December 4th, 2023.
   2. School/Principal’s Update (Lori Mastromonico)
      1. Principals Update
         * Fall Athletics are all wrapping up and the teams have done very well this season
         * 2 student led clubs have been started (Rubix Cube Club and Green Z Club)
         * Builders Club is hosting Socktober
         * PSAT will be offered to 8th graders who are taking Algebra I and/or English I
         * Picture day is next week
         * State report cards were issued and TPSA received an “Excellent” rating. Last year, the rating was “Good”.
5. **Meeting Finalization:**
   1. Review actions to be taken:
      1. Meeting minutes from August and September will be finalized for review in November.
   2. Comments:
      1. None
   3. Meeting close:
      1. It was motioned by Michelle Lorio to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jennifer Minolfo and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.