

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 20, 2024
Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina
Commencement Time: 5:01 pm

Presiding: Mandy Sims

1. Meeting Opening:

- a. Mandy Sims called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. David Tamburello read the mission. Mandy Sims called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
 - i. Present:
Michelle Lorio, Lori Mastromonico, Mandy Sims, Kelly Schepens, Melissa McKnight, Joel Stewart, Cheryl Fogle, Jeremy Greene, David Tamburello
 - ii. Absent: Jennifer Minolfo
 - iii. Public members: No public members

2. Old Business:

Reviewed new board member requirements/status

- i. Background Checks - Completed - one is pending but should be finalized within the next 30 days.
- ii. Signature Authority - Treasurer Joel Stewart and Michelle Lorio were given signature authority to sign. Lori Mastromonico will file paperwork with the bank.

3. Matters for Decision:

- a. January 2024 meeting minutes approved - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Kelly Schepens
- b. Monthly financials from October 2023, November 2023, December 2023, and January 2024 were approved
 - i. October 2023 financials approved - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Kelly Schepens
 - ii. November 2023 financials approved - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Kelly Schepens
 - iii. December 2023 financials approved - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Kelly Schepens
 - iv. January 2024 financials approved - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Kelly Schepens
- c. Revised Attendance Policy - Second reading of revised Attendance Policy by Mandy Sims
 - i. Approval of the revised Attendance Policy - Motion to approve made by David Tamburello seconded by Melissa McKnight
- d. Approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendar - Motion to approve made by Cheryl Fogle seconded by David Tamburello
- e. Executive Session
 - i. None

4. Matters for Discussion

- a. Fundraising Committee Update
 - i. Running with the Wolves 5K - April 20, 2024
 - ii. Golf Tournament April 29, 2024 - Proceeds will be used to purchase new flooring and a new Golf Cart
 - iii. Chick-fil-a biscuit sales for Piglet presentation
 - iv. Book Fair and Family STEM night - March 19, 2024

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. Principal/School Update:
 - i. Soccer season starts this week
 - ii. Glabra is still in the lead
 - iii. Builder's Club is working toward installing a buddy bench
 - iv. 7th grade field trip - Aiken Community Theater February 21, 2024
 - v. 8th grade field trip to DC February 26, 2024-February 29, 2024
 - vi. Beta Club Induction for new 7th graders - March 7, 2024
 - vii. Wait List Numbers
 - 5th - 69
 - 6th - 140
 - 7th - 101
 - 8th - 0
 - Lottery - 180

6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
 - i. None
- b. Comments:
 - i. Public Charter School Alliance - Webinars on Board Governance
- c. Meeting close:
 - i. It was motioned by David Tamburello to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jeremy Greene and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 pm.
Next meeting will be on March 21st at 5:00 pm.