

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: August 18, 2022

Location: Tall Pines STEM Academy, Aiken, South Carolina

Commencement Time: 5:03 P.M. Presiding: Michelle Lorio, Chair

1. Meeting Opening:

- Call to Order
- Welcome and Mission Statement (read by Wendy Dietzel)
“The mission of Tall Pines STEM Academy is to provide an option for families where STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is intertwined in the school’s culture and prepares middle school students to become the next generation of ethical leaders. Tall Pines STEM Academy will provide a combination of classroom and outdoor learning experiences to engage students, promote wellness and physical fitness, inspire creativity, foster critical thinking and problem solving skills, and cultivate citizenship and leadership skills through rigorous and relevant content and projects in a natural setting.”
- Call Roll and Establish Quorum by Michelle Lorio
- Present Members: Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims, Alisa Perry, Chastity McDaniel, Jennifer Minolfo, Phillip Dersham, Tim Meesseman, Wendy Dietzel, Stephan Lance, Kevin Vincent, Lori Mastromonico
- Absent Members: Tracie McBride
- Public Comments: There were no public comments
Please note that the official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the “Public Comments” section of the agenda or as directed by the board chair. Each speaker has 2 minutes and speakers may not ask questions of the Board Members. Board members may not engage speakers in discussion. Disruptive behavior and personal attacks aimed at students, staff or board members are not permitted.

2. Old Business:

- Barbara Roberts - Wording has been corrected to show monthly board meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 5:00.
- The specific dates are still incorrect. The minutes are posted through February 2022.
- Follow-up on Jason Eichelberger financial report reformatting of the monthly financial report.

3. Matters for Decision:

- Approved meeting minutes from July 2022 Alisa Perry motioned to approve the minutes, Wendy Dietzel seconded the motion, vote was unanimous
- Approve monthly financials from July 2022 : Kevin Vincent gave out a new financial summary that was made to be simple but detailed of 38 pages. This will be a good summary to compare financials month after month. Phillip Dersham motioned to approve the financial report, Chastity McDaniel seconded the motion, vote was unanimous
- Adjourn to Executive discussion (as necessary for Legal, Personnel, or Contract matters), No executive session

4. Matters for Discussion:

- Fundraising Committee Update: There are 5 rooms with new floors, 2 carpets were cleaned
- Read aloud the Proposed Revisions to the TPSA Bylaws: Board discussed changes to be approved at next month’s meeting.

5. Matters for Noting:

- School/Principal’s Update
- School year off to a great start. We are fully staffed. Athletics have Cross Country, Golf, and Volleyball going strong in their seasons. We will be adding “Pack” flags to hang for the pack in the lead. Tutoring and Clubs will start after Labor Day. Open House will be next week. We will be doing the first session of the Parent Toolkit.

6. Meeting Finalization:

- Review actions to be taken: Michelle Lorio will make changes to ByLaws and send them out for review.
- Next Meeting – September 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:57 pm. Tim Meesseman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alisa Perry seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.