

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 19, 2022
Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina
Commencement Time: 5 pm

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

1. Meeting Opening:

- a. Michelle Lorio called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and Mandy Sims read the mission. Michelle Lorio called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
 - i. Present:
 - Lori Mastromonico, Chasity McDaniel, Tracie McBride, Phillip Dersham, Alisa Perry, Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims
 - ii. Absent:
 - Tim Meesseman, Wendy Dietzel, Jennifer Minolfo, Sandy Blakenship, and Stephen Lance
 - iii. Public members: None

2. Old Business

- i. Proposed changes to by-law wording concerning Board term limits and elections: Sandy Blankenship reached out to district and confirmed TPSA by-laws or policies may be rewritten as necessary as long as the board agrees and wording complies with state charter laws. Board member elections can be conducted through electronic ballots using google forms. Each student receive 2 parent votes. Board members receive one vote. These revisions will be voted on during July's board meeting.
- ii. Lottery Ballots-Mandy presented clarification on how to handle ballots for siblings and twins.
- iii. Alisa Perry presented simplified format for monthly financial document.
- iv. Board members are required to complete the school board training within a year of being elected. Based on the board member ethical training, it was clarified that it is the individual board members' responsibility to reclude him or herself from votes in the case of a conflict of interest. It is not the board's responsibility to make that request of the board member.

3. Matters for Decision:

- a. Approval of April Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Mandy Sims motioned for approval. Traci McBride seconded. Vote was unanimous with necessary corrections.
- b. Approval of monthly financials from April 2022:
 - i. Philip Dersham motioned for approval and Chasity McDaniel seconded the motion. All other board members approved.
- c. Adjourn to Executive Session
 - i. Mandy Sims motioned to move to executive session at 5:42pm. Traci McBride second. Vote was unanimous.

- ii. Mandy Sims motioned to end to executive session at 5:52. Traci McBride second. Vote was unanimous

4. Financial Update

- a. None for review

5. Matters for Discussion:

- a. None

6. Matters of Noting:

- a. School/Principal's Update (Lori Mastromonico)

- i. Golf tournament was successful, but not as profitable as intended. Previous fundraiser provided funds for flooring and bleachers.
- ii. Gym is close to being finished. Painting has started. Progress is being made.
- iii. Athletics have been completed and cross-country applications will be available soon.
- iv. Awards and celebrations are being planned for the end of the school year.
- v. Chess club will continue. Jason Eicheberger has scheduled a chess grand master to speak to students.
- vi. Comprehensive reproductive health unit will be taught to 6-8th.
- vii. New hire was made for a full time custodian. They are still looking to hire for vacant 6th Grade Math position.
- viii. Current wait list: 5th grade-22, 6th grade-70, 7th grade- 42, and 8th grade- 65
- ix. Upcoming field trips: 7th grade to Carowinds/ 6th grade to Top Golf and Skateland.

7. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:

- i. Sandy Blankenship will email wording concerning board election terms, election process, including ballots and create a google form for electronic elections.
- ii. Sandy Blankenship will confirm dates for upcoming Board training contacts and Michelle will provide information to board.
- iii. Barbara Roberts will update website with board meeting minutes and dates.

Next Meeting:

- iv. July 21, 2022 at 5pm

- b. Comments:

- i. None

- c. Meeting close:

- i. Alisa Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mandy Sims and was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.