

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina & Zoom (due to COVID-19)

Commencement Time: 4:30 pm

Presiding: Jobina Wiemer

1. Meeting Opening:

- a. Jobina called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and read the mission. Jobina called roll and a quorum was established.

2. Meeting Attendance:

- a. Present:
 - i. Maureen Carrigan, Brad Siedschlag, Patsy Smith, Bridgett Coleman, Jobina Wiemer, Mandy Sims, Tim Meesseman, Tara Heuberger, Michelle Lorio
- b. Absent:
 - i. Russell Stillinger
- c. Public members:
 - i. Robin Wilson, Kristi Bodie, Karen Turner, multiple unknowns
 - Nine opinions were given in-person and via email regarding the proposed COVID schedule, both in favor of and against face-to-face school 5 days a week for students

3. Matters for Decision:

- a. Adjourn to Executive Session:
 - i. Mandy motioned to adjourn to executive session and was seconded by Tara.
 - ii. Michelle motioned to reopen meeting to the public and was seconded by Tara.
- b. Approval of September Minutes:
 - i. September minutes were approved as-is
 - Mandy motioned to accept minutes and Tara seconded
- c. Monthly Financials:
 - i. Financials for September 2020
 - Checks made out to teachers were for LEAP Day payments
 - A motion was made by Tara to approve financials and was seconded by Mandy
- d. Face-to-Face Proposal:
 - i. Michelle motioned to withdraw the face-to-face proposal and was seconded by Tara
- e. Board Appointment Openings:
 - i. Four appointed positions
 - Two teachers – Tracie McBride (Aiken High School) and Chasidy McDaniel (Millbrook Elementary School)
 - Mandy motioned to appoint Tracie and Chasidy to the board and Michelle seconded
 - One local business person – Michelle Lorio

- Michelle agrees to accept position
- Tara motioned to keep Michelle on the board and was seconded by Mandy
- One at large community person – Mandy Sims
 - Mandy agrees to accept position
 - Michelle motioned to keep Mandy on the board and was seconded by Tara

4. Matters for Discussion

- a. Finance Committee Updates:
 - i. No updates from Dr. Carrigan
- b. Upcoming Board Election Nominations and Voting Timeline
 - i. Brad notes that Michelle needs to be removed from nomination list due to accepting an appointed position
 - ii. One local business member elected position needs to be added
 - Tim Meesseman to be added to nomination list
 - iii. Tara will be switched from parent to at large community member on the nominee list
 - iv. All ballots will be done on paper for consistency

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. School/Principal's Update (Brad)
 - i. Currently in a virtual with hybrid option right now
 - ii. Cornhole tournament at Generation Park scheduled for November 21st
 - Fundraiser for gymnasium nest egg
 - Potentially an annual event
 - Possible 5K and golf tournament in the future
 - iii. Task force to get together and decide on future face-to-face plan
 - iv. Spirit week has been fun and students have been engaged
 - v. Food for the Hungry fundraiser coming soon
 - vi. Toby Ray Day was celebrated

6. Meeting Finalization:

- a. Review actions to be taken:
 - i. Brad to meet with task force to review future face-to-face plans
 - ii. Bridgett and Maureen are leaving the board
 - iii. New board member will be present at next meeting
- b. Next Meeting:
 - i. November 17 @ 4:30pm
- c. Comments:
 - i. None
- d. Meeting close:
 - i. It was moved by Tim to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tara and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.