

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: August 20, 2019
Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina
Commencement Time: 6:00 pm

Presiding: Jobina Wiemer

1. **Meeting Opening:** Jobina called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and also read the mission. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.
Present: Bridget Coleman, Brian Coulter, Brad Siedschlag, Maureen Carrigan, Patsy Smith, Jobina Wiemer, Michelle Lorio, Mandy Sims
Public members: There were no public members in attendance.
Public Comments: No public comments
Safety Topic: Brad discussed the new badges being used by the students, and how they can be used for positive reinforcement.

2. **Matters for Decision:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - i. May meeting minutes: will be reviewed during September 2019 meeting
 - b. **Approval of Financial Statement:**
 - i. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Maureen to approve the June financial statements.
 - c. **Board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year**
 - i. The following dates were proposed for the remaining Board Meeting dates in 2019:
 - September 17, 2019
 - October 15, 2019
 - November 19
 - December 17
 - ii. All meetings will be at 4:30pm. The meeting location will be at Camp Long conference room.
 - iii. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Maureen to approve the above referenced board dates.

3. **Matters for Discussion:**
 - a. **Finance Committee Updates:**
 - i. No updates from Dr. Carrigan
 - b. **School Improvement Council**
 - i. Principal Brad stated he met with Patsy Smith last week and the SIC will continue to plan for startup before the next school year begins.
 - c. **Expansion of the Board**
 - i. Discussed ideas on ways to expand the board by possibly adding additional community at large positions (would need to add an elected and an appointed position)
 - ii. Motion was made by Bridget to amend the bylaws to add two at large community board positions beginning the term of 2019/2020, one position will be elected and the other position will be an appointed. This motion was seconded by Brian and was agreed to by all.
 - d. **Upcoming Promotional Opportunities**
 - i. Board discussed ways to continue promoting TPSA in the community
 - SEED -October 5th -TPSA will have a table
 - Citizens Park -Halloween

- Camp Invention
- e. **Upcoming Board Meeting Dates**
 - i. Notes are in section 2.3 above
- e. **Board Member Roles and Terms**
 - i. Maureen made a motion to add Board Member Roles and Terms to the board meeting agenda. Bridget seconded this motion and it was approved.
 - ii. Motion was made by Bridget to clarify the following outline of Board Members as well as their terms, Maureen seconded this motion and it was approved by all.
 - Brian - Elected at Large Community Member -through Oct 2019
 - Michelle - Appointed Local Business -through October 2020
 - Mandy - Elected at Large Community Member-October 2019
 - Bridget - Appointed Educator -October 2020
 - Maureen - Elected Parent October 2019
 - Jim - Elected Parent -October 2019
 - Jobina - Appointed Educator -October 2020

4. Matters for Noting

- a. **Board/Governance Section on Website Make sure everything is updated**
 - i. Discussed amongst members the importance of ensuring the information on the website is maintained at all times.
- b. **School/Principal's Update (Brad)**
 - i. Great school start
 - ii. Settling in their packs
 - iii. New leadership class this year
 - iv. STEM class at the end of the day
 - v. Camp Timberwolf went great
 - vi. School had to be extended a few minutes
- c. **Board would like to recognize the teachers, Brad, and Patsy for their efforts made to attend conferences.**

5. Meeting Finalization:

- a. **Review actions to be taken:**
 - i. Board will continue to be on the lookout for opportunities in the community in which TPSA could participate
 - Brian will reach out to the Rotaries and Kiwanis
 - Brad is going to work with Barbara to join the Chamber
 - ii. Brad is going to ask for a student or small student group to present a topic of their choice to the board.
 - iii. Brad will continue to work on items relating to the SIC.
- a. **Next Meeting – September 17, 2019 @ 4:30 pm, Camp Long Conference Room**
- b. **Comments:**
 - i. None.

6. **Meeting close:** It was moved by Brian to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Maureen and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.