

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: May 15, 2019**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**  
**Commencement Time: 6:00 pm**

Presiding: Jim McNulty

1. **Meeting Opening:** Jim called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and Jim read the mission. Mandy called roll and a quorum was established.  
**Present:** Patsy Smith, Brad Siedschlag, Jobina Wiemer, Brain Coulter, Jim McNulty, Michelle Lorio  
**Public members:** Stuart Johnson, Lori Mastromonico  
**Public Comments:** Patsy presented Stuart with a plaque for all of years of service to TPSA. Stuart resigned as TPSA Board Chair in April.  
**Safety Topic:** Jim discussed the dangers of distracted driving.
2. **Matters for Decision:**
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** The March minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Maureen to approve the minutes from February and seconded by Jim and approved. The April minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Maureen to approve the minutes from February and seconded by Brian and approved.
  - b. **Approval of Financial Statement:** The March financial statements. A motion was made by Brian to approve the financial statements and seconded by Jim and approved. The April financial statements were reviewed. A motion was made by Brian to approve the financial statements from April and seconded by Brian and approved.
  - c. **New Board Member introduction:** Stuart Johnson has resigned from the TPSA board effective April 17, 2019. Brian Coulter and Michelle Lorio were introduced as new board members.
  - d. **Amending Charter regarding Discipline procedures/process:** No changes will be made at this time.
  - e. **Finalizing Amendment:** Patsy provided Resolution to the Board for review. A motion was made by Brian to finalize the resolution after corrections are made and seconded by Maureen and approved.
  - f. **Executive Session:** A motion was made by Maureen to move to Executive Session at 6:53pm and was seconded by Jim and approved. A motion was made by Jim to move to regular board session at 7:52pm and seconded by Maureen and approved.
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. **Board Training for new members (SC Charter School Alliance):**
    - i. All new board members need to be provided a copy of the Charter and Bylaws, sign the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality polices, as well as have a background check performed.
  - d. **Upcoming Board Meeting Dates**
    - i. No changes were made.
4. **Matters of Noting:**
  - a. **School/Principal's Update (Brad)**

- i. Amazing Shake took place and was great. Brad thanked Mandy and Bridget for assisting.
- ii. Several students were able to visit Bridgestone and had a very good experience.
- iii. PTA has new officers and will be looking for participation for the upcoming school years.
- iv. There will be a talent show on May 30<sup>th</sup> and Field Day will be May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- v. PTA is trying to raise money for a Sunshade. There is a GoFundMe set up for this.
- vi. TPSA students raised \$501 for WolfStock.
- vii. Brad provided growth reports from recent MAP testing.

5. **Meeting Finalization:**

a. **Review actions to be taken:**

- i. All should review the ability to change Board meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- ii. Review pros and cons of having a discipline committee.
  - Add question to parent survey about their suggestions for implementing a discipline committee.
- iii. Continue discussion regarding having a joint board meeting with Pickens location.

b. **Next Meeting – June 19, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**

c. **Comments:**

- i. None.

d. **Meeting close:** It was moved by Maureen to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Jim and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.