

Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 19, 2018

Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina

Commencement Time: 6:00pm

Presiding: Stuart Johnson

1. **Meeting Opening:** Stuart called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and Deborah McMurtrie read the mission. Laura called roll and a quorum was established.
2. **Present:** Stuart Johnson, Laura Parr, Patsy Smith, Jobina Wiemer, Maureen Carrigan, Deborah McMurtrie and Brad Siedschlag, Catherine Baker
Absent: Jim McNulty
Public members: Two members was present.
3. **Matters for Decision:**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:** August minutes were moved by Deborah McMurtrie. It was seconded and approved.
 - b. **Approval of Financial Statement:** July and August Financials were presented. Laura brought up that we should pay close attention to IDEA funding and Patsy explained that we have some contract services like Speech and Hearing, LD Instructional We should pay close attention to expenditures that are related to IDEA funding and the number of students who are special education that are enrolled in our school. It was moved by Laura Parr to approve July and August Financials. It was seconded and approved.
 - c. **Approve November 2018 Board meeting Date:** It was moved by Laura Parr to have the original date of November 21, 2018 moved to November 14, 2018. It will also be the first meeting for the new board members and they will set the new calendar.
 - d. **Adjourn to Executive Session:** Laura Parr moved to adjourn at 6:20, it was seconded and approved. It was moved by Stuart Johnson to return to the General Session at 6:35pm, it was seconded and approved.
4. **Matters for Discussion:**
 - a. **Finance Committee Updates:** Laura Parr brought up a concern regarding the \$25 SLED background checks for volunteers who can not afford it. Laura also brought up a maintenance issue regarding the A/C and water in the gym. Principal Siedschlag brought up the fact that it is property of Camp Long. Deborah also brought up concerns regarding parent point system and wanting to make sure it would not prevent students from having the opportunity to attend TPSA.
 - b. **October Elections/Appointments:** Appointments will be decided on the three open positions on October 17, 2018. Ballots to parents will go out on October 18, 2018 and will need to be returned no later than Friday, October 28, 2018 and ballots will be counted on October 31, 2018. Deborah and Stuart have volunteered to help count the ballots.
 - c. **Enrollment Policies and Procedures** update: Tony Catone continues to review the enrollment policy and we will get them by January.

- d. **Website Information for public viewing:** Brad has been updating the calendar online and post the minutes, agendas and announcements for the school board meetings.

5. Matters of Noting:

- a. **School/Principal Update** – Principal Siedschlag distributed the August financial bank statements. He then distributed the SC Pass scores for the 2017-2018 school year and reviewed the three areas in English, Math and Social Studies. Principal Siedschlag then said they are also looking into making sure that GT testing gets completed on the 5th graders.

6. Meeting Finalization:

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

Go over the board appointments so that decisions can be made in October.

Laura also brought up that the board is required by law to evaluate the Principal.

Laura also mentioned that Brad can participate in the new principal induction.

The public charter school alliance will be releasing a public charter school regional board trainings over the next two months and will be releasing a schedule soon.

Annual SC Charter School Board Conference will in Charleston, SC from November 27-29, 2018.

- b. **Next Meeting – October 17, 2018 @ 6:00pm**

- c. **Comments:** Dr. Howard Brown participated in the implementation and official grant writer for the Youth Institute and he passed away over the weekend. The board appreciates his dedication and he will always be remembered for putting students first.

- d. **Meeting close:** It was moved by Deborah to adjourn and seconded to adjourn at 7:14pm.