

TCSA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 26, 2017

Public input:

The Board opened the floor to public comment:

- Ms. Eggers spoke in public input addressing concerns in communication.
- Mr. Kevin Spansel deferred his public input card to Ms. Porter. Ms Porter spoke in public input addressing concerns in communication as well as academic performance and teacher retention.

Call to order: 6:45pm

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Stilwell, Timothy Diebold, Michelle Gallo, Yvette Fairley, Katelyn Pfister

Absent: Don Marshall, Francine Smith

Motion to accept September 2017 Board meeting minutes by Ms. Pfister seconded by Ms. Fairley – vote Unanimous

CEO Report (Mr. Williams):

- Current enrollment is 326.
- All construction has been completed. We are waiting on AT&T before we can proceed with the fire alarm panel installation. Once installed the fire marshal will return for final approval.
- We have hired a full time 5th grade teacher. Interviews are being conducted for the 7th grade teaching position as well as the newly created SPED and Para positions.
- The school will be transitioning from Facebook to the JPAMS system for communication. Currently only 2 districts in the state are not utilizing this system.
- The auditors are on site and all is looking well
- The school has decided to have an Academic celebration as opposed to an honor roll breakfast. The celebration is currently planned for November 3rd at 3pm

Motion to accept the CEO report by Ms. Pfister 2nd by Ms. Gallo – vote Unanimous

Finance/ Facility's Report:

- Mr. Stilwell reviewed the Finance and Facility updates
- Mr. Mike Dunn reviewed September 2017 financials
- Mr. Stilwell pointed out the tremendous progress made in financials. We have managed to tackle a \$484k dollar deficit carried from the previous years and project a net zero at the end of this fiscal year.

Motion to approve minutes from 10/13/17 meeting & accept Finance/Facility's report by Mr. Diebold 2nd by Ms. Gallo – vote Unanimous

Development Committee (Presented by Mr. Williams & Ms. Gallo):

- Tangi Academy will be partnering with the Hammond Rec department on after school tutoring
- Tangi Academy will begin offering an onsite before school tutoring program.
- Administration and Board Members have been meeting with community leaders and conducting tours of the campus
- Mr. Williams has applied for membership to the Hammond Rotary.
- The Hammond Rotary recently donated dictionaries to all 3rd grade students.
- Mr. Stilwell described the proposed partnership with UNO. UNO will be providing TCSA with a program evaluation. The evaluation will be conducted by Dr. Kiefer in partnership with his academic class. The evaluation will look at all aspects of the organization. It will review raw data as well as conduct interviews. The evaluation will provide a complete impartial analysis.

Motion to approve partnership with UNO and accept Development committee report by Ms. Gallo 2nd by Ms. Fairley – vote Unanimous

Governance Committee:

- Having previously been reviewed the board moved to add Ms. Ebony Morris to the TCSA board of directors.

Motion by Mr. Stilwell 2nd by Ms. Pfister – vote Unanimous

- Based on Ms. Morris's background as an Attorney Mr. Stillwell recommended the appointment of Ms. Morris to the position of Parliamentarian.

Motion to appointment Ms. Morris to the position of Parliamentarian by Ms. Pfister 2nd By Mr. Diebold – vote Unanimous

Establish Election Committee for Parent Representatives:

- The board will defer to the election committee to outline the guidelines and election procedures.
- Election committee at this time will consist of Ms. Gallo, Ms. Morris, and Mr. Diebold

Academic Committee:

Ms. Prescott presented a grade level academic benchmark breakdown and discussed the academic growth plan

Time was allowed for open dialog with Administration, Board, and parents in attendance:

- Topics of discussion were concerns with communication and communication media options, academic rigor, student and staff retention and hand sanitation.
- Mr. Stilwell stated that we will try to hold an open town hall meeting prior to board meetings on a quarterly timeline.

Other Board Actions:

The boards next meeting was set for November 30th 2017 at 6pm. The meeting was pushed from our standard timeline due to Thanksgiving break.

Personal Privilege / Board Member comments:

Ms. Gallo pointed out the potential impact of negativity on Facebook to teacher and student recruitment efforts.

Mr. Diebold thanked Ms. Prescott for her presentation and expressed his feeling of optimism with the school's academic growth plan.

Ms. Pfister thanked Ms. Prescott for her presentation and expressed her feeling of optimism with the school's academic growth plan she also thanked Ms. Wilson for all of her work and efforts on communication.

Mr. Stilwell opened the floor to allow admin an opportunity for comment.

- Mr. Prescott thanked Mr. Williams for all of his efforts in preparing the data and presentation that was presented
- Ms. Wilson stated she is always available and expressed her thanks to the parents, board, and administration team
- Mr. Williams thanked all that were in attendance and encouraged all to spread the positivity of Tangi Academy.

Mr. Stillwell reminded all that board members are volunteers. He and all board members spend countless hours on board responsibilities out of our duty to serve. He encouraged all to get involved

Executive session:

Motion to enter executive session by Ms. Pfister, 2nd by Ms. Fairley – vote Unanimous

Items discussed:

- Personnel
- Litigation in connection with claim for additional rent from former lessor Calvary Christian Center.

Motion to leave executive session by Mr. Diebold 2nd by Ms. Pfister – vote Unanimous

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Diebold, 2nd by Mr. Stilwell – vote Unanimous
- Meeting adjourned 8:30pm