

MINUTES - May 23, 2022 - TRCS Board of Directors Meeting

Mission Statement: We will support each student's continuing discovery and development of self and community by providing a learning environment that is relevant, active and project oriented. All aspects of the student's experience at Two Rivers Community School will enhance their natural learning power.

Members Present: April Flanders, Melissa Thomas, Dawn Shumate, Twila Wingrove, Casey Wells, Tara Stollenmaier

Non-Voting Members Present: Natalie Oransky (Director), Clint Byers

Members Not Present: Carole Greene

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by April at 5:32pm
- Quorum established with 6 voting members at the call to order
- Mission statement read aloud by Casey Wells

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to amend the agenda for May 23 meeting to include public events and fundraising discussion (seconded by April Flanders) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to approve the agenda for May 23 meeting (seconded by Casey Wells) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to approve the minutes for Apr 25 meeting (seconded by April Flanders) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- Conflicts of Interest - none brought forward
- Guests - none
- Public Comment - none

Governance Process, Board Leadership, Ends, and Executive Limitation Review

- Tara Stollenmaier and Twila Wing reads aloud GP-2 Policy Title: Governing Style

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to reaffirm the GP-2 Policy Title: Governing Style (seconded by Tara Stollenmaier) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy Committee - Twila is working with lawyer to repurchase the templates for policies which come as an all encompassing package which covers multiple categories
- Discussion...

- Natalie stresses we need a technology policy and a whole school grievance policy (part of student group package) and this should be reviewed/adopted as a first priority

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to approve the purchase of the silver level package of policies through David, school lawyer (seconded by Carole Greene) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- Strategic planning for TRCS growth - need community representatives and an annual in-person event
- 15k was planned and a good idea to revive... Memorial Day weekend is free and we would have a year to plan - 5k may be a better
- Austin Pack and Caleb Masland are the experts contacts - this event would need two more dedicated organizers to focus on just this event
- Gala style event is an option
- Fall Tubing race - River Earth Adventures is another option for September
- Parent survey is being updated - Supportive Survey about community businesses to help with future school wide endeavors
- April will be staying on to work on the capital campaign and new campus initiative
- New Board member - Helen Philips discussion - review CV

ACTION: Melissa Thomas moves to approve Helen Philips request to join the board (seconded by Casey Wells) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Clint - everyone is excited that testing is done - had some nice buffalo cove experiences this spring and restorative justice training is ongoing...
- Senior grad walk trough day went well
- Better World Day of Service with Hospitality House went well despite the weather
- Want to feature faculty and staff throughout the summer

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chair - Caring Concern reporting - feedback portal for concerns
- Director report - enrollment 2022-2023
- Working on a letter to target interest in Kinder, 4th and 6th grades
- Budget handout from Natalie...
- Confident we will have a surplus for this year
- Issue with local revenue line item with Watauga County Schools not paying the full amount where the law has changed has been solved
- Needs that are not in the budget discussion...consider for Fall voting from board
- Discussion raising salaries to be more equitable
- Budget wish list - technology support contract, office support, math interventionist, A/C upgrade, NC Access grant spending

ACTION: Tara Stollenmaier moves to give Natalie permission to make changes to proposed budget as necessary for NC Access Grant (seconded by April Flanders) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- Fundraising Tracking software - some allow you to get a list of people willing to donate, wealth profiles on donors, fall initiative then capital campaign for the next year
- Technology support contract help is definitely a first priority
- Next meeting date is June 20th 2022 via zoom to vote on items; meeting expected to be short

ACTION: Tara Stollenmaier moves to accept proposed budget as listed (seconded by Casey Wells) - MOTION CARRIED 6-0

- Date for Summer Board retreat meeting is Monday, August 15th, 2022
 - Charter renewal is every 10 years and we are currently going into 18th year - renewal charter due at 20 year mark
 - Public events - Boomerang event - screen printing offers June 18th, 2022 1-4p
 - Back to School festival on Saturday, August 13th, 2022 8a-5p - popcorn popper - need popcorn, oil, and bags with logo, logo stickers
 - New T-shirts design for board staff teachers to advertise the school
 - Farmers Market - host a table close to kids corner during the summer - activities table handouts
 - July 13th tuesday king street market - ques pasa appalachia radio day
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- Meeting moved to Executive Session - 8:05p

ADJOURN

- April Flanders moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Melissa Thomas – PASSED by unanimous consent
 - May 23, 2022 TRCS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 8:17pm