

**Two Rivers Community School
Board of Directors Agenda
October 24, 2022**

Present: Clint Byers, Amy Gardner, Carole Greene, Natalie Oransky (Director), Melissa Thomas (Chair), Twila Wingrove

Absent: April Flanders, Helen Phillips, Connie Root, Dawn Shumate, Tara Stollenmaier, Cacey Wells

Meeting called to order 5:39 by Thomas.

Thomas observed that the board did not have a quorum present, so there would be no votes. All votes were tabled, and Thomas shifted to providing updates.

Board Members discussed the problem of low attendance, and considered offering Zoom as an option for folks who are out of town. Gardner and Greene agreed to look into equipment (mic + speaker) for hybrid meetings.

Thomas raised the question of whether TRCS should host an after hours event with Boone Chamber of Commerce in 2023. Present members agreed it didn't seem like a good use of time for this cycle. With more time to plan, the Board would like to consider hosting in 2024 and use it as an opportunity to showcase the school.

Upcoming Boone Chamber event is on November 10 at Hounds Ears. Thomas and Greene agreed to check their calendars to see if they can attend.

The fundraising event at Vidalia had to be pushed due to staffing issues at the restaurant.

The t-shirt sale went well, with around \$1400 raised.

Annual fundraising letters will go out mid-November to take advantage of "giving tuesday." A combination of paper mail and social media advertising will be used.

PTO Update: PeaceFest will be on March 4, 2023 at the Legion Building in Blowing Rock, probably 4-7pm. PTO is considering several possibilities for the event, including involving students to raise funds for trips, making it a "pay what you can" event, or auctioning off centerpieces created by each class.

PTO is curious about how to coordinate fundraising with the BOD. They are considering a few fundraising events and want to make sure they have support and coordination with the board. Oransky suggested that all PTO fundraisers be designed for a specific purpose (e.g., beautifying campus).

Greene updated the board on 5K race planning. Planning got stalled at the insurance/town of boone paperwork stage.

Thomas plans to reach out to Flanders and the fundraising committee to make plans about these events and the question of how to coordinate with PTO.

Policy update: Wingrove updated the group about progress made in finalizing a draft of the TRCS Technology Policy. Oransky, Thomas, and Wingrove continue to work on refining a new draft, which will be circulated to the board when read for review.

Executive Reports by Oransky:

- Oransky got a bonus from the state for TRCS being in the top 50% of the state
- Current enrollment is 167, but two are leaving due to a move
- State compliance update: TRCS needs to update its discipline policy. Oransky would like to involve the restorative justice leaders in the process.
- TRCS needs to set aside retirement dissolution funds due to a change in state requirements.
- Budget update: Oransky reviewed changes in funding due to lower-than-anticipated enrollment. The budget is currently short by about \$25K. The school might have some additional upcoming expenses to cover speech and occupational therapists.
- Marketing: Oransky stressed that it needs to be a priority to develop a strong marketing plan for TRCS.
- A new part-time office assistant has started.

Final Notes:

Thomas will schedule a meeting for the campus improvement committee.

Oransky announced that TRCS would not do summer school next year.

Oransky will connect with Stollenamaier to identify when would be a good time for a Watauga Democrat writer to come by to observe school events for some additional public recognition.