

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
January 22nd, 2024

Members Present: Alejandra Rodriguez, Amber Maes, Sammi Triolo, Miranda Mascarenas, Ruth Center, Victoria Schweizer (5:39pm)

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl

Also Present: Madeline Woods, Brett Barker, Tammie Padilla, Viviana Ortega, Gowan Hays, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Joe Dan Lovato, Zach Chavez, Stephanie Behning, Rebecca Jones, Marisol Sena (arrived 6:02pm)

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session** 5:33pm. It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Alejandra to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by MM. Toll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Abstains, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0 with 1 abstain.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of December (12/18/23) Business Meeting Minutes: Amendment to last item in meeting minutes, names to be written out in full. Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the minutes with amendment and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Victoria Schweizer arrives at 5:39pm.
Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Abstains, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0 with one abstains.
- II. ***VOTE** – Consent Agenda:
Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- A. Business Office: Meeting with the HA to look at some budget numbers. Still waiting on 80th day to be finalized. We need those numbers to be correct and are waiting on that.
- B. Principals/Staff Representative(s): Mary Ellen Dannenberg, ES Principal: Came back from Winter break with several snow days. WinterFest was rescheduled and amazing. Early Childhood had Explora visit and many families came and enjoyed. Also, Explora will be starting this Friday for aftercare. Clubs have started for aftercare and are already started. They have now been opened up to families outside of aftercare. Mondays is Reading Quest along with Spanish and Basketball. We are turning aftercare into a place where a child can come and learn and do fun activities. Brett Barker, Elementary Rep: Nothing to report, just getting a feel for the meetings first. We had several snow days, some transition with curriculum and evening out. Still struggling with Istation. Would like a discussion about authentic assessment. Joe Dan Lovato, MS Principal: WIDA ACCESS testing started today and we almost hit on everybody. Most students showed up for the first day of testing. He had the pleasure of sitting in with 5th grade and Middle School bands and was very proud of what they got to showcase. The ground work for the barn is starting. Working on SEL push-ins right now. A schedule has been sent out and the first topics will be bullying, hazing and harassment. Yearbook is also coming together. Negotiating details. We had a couple of families last week and want to enroll their kids next Monday. Looking to partner with Math Amigos, to support MS with afterschool programming and tutoring. We are talking about DATA. MOY data has been rolled out. Looking at MAP assessment for Science. We have been a bit short handed and he was able to step into a few classes to sub. Madeline Woods, Middle School Staff Rep: Made some controlled clouds with the 6th graders. Has had many students show up for her after school gardening club. Request from GC some sort of clarification for the community for the barn. Joe Dan explains a bit and has a plan for the community communication.
- C. Head Administrator: WinterFest went really well. The students were so excited about it and it was great seeing so many people coming into the building for the festival. Kinder, 1st and 3 – 8 have finished MOY testing. 2nd grade will come later because of Istation.

We have seen some growth in some areas but there is still room for improvement. We are now focusing on SEL. We are focusing on appropriate school language and proper conduct. We are going to meet with MS students to discuss a behavior matrix. This will help get them involved and understanding the why behind behavior expectations. And they need both positive and negative consequences. The American Red Cross is coming in to teach students hands only CPR. Expansion is going to be good with all of the groups really getting together and becoming more aligned. We are looking at 2 different financial groups and hope to have more information on which group we decide to go with to help guide with the process. Our lottery currently has 117 applicants in the lottery which is excellent since it just opened up. Yard signs are going up soon with the ground thawing. We have inviting the board members to join the open house for new students, the Spring STEAM Rodeo and concert, Teacher Appreciation week, Staff v Students basketball game and 8th grade promotion.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Recruitment: Nothing to report.
- Equity Council: Nothing to report.
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: Nothing to report.
- GC Executive Committee: Nothing to report.

- V. Report of ELPs and Services provided (ELTP v K12+ v Regular): Stephanie Behning explains about the afterschool clubs moving to the afterschool program as the ELTP no longer exists. This really gives them the opportunity to expand and go out during aftercare to other teachers and other activities. This also helps cut down on any behavior issues.
- VI. Report of Academic Achievement: Stephanie Behning presents on the data comparing the BOY with the MOY. Points out how the pandemic affected our students and how proud we are of them for their improvements now. Also points out how SEL and behavior can affect their scores as well which is why principals are starting to focus on these two aspects of education. After IMASA, Stephanie brings up the Istation results. Many foundational skills were lost during the pandemic and it shows with the older children. Yes, this is being tracked throughout the years. We switched to IMASA to help students be more comfortable with state testing because of the similarities.

VII. ***Adjournment of Business Meeting:** Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm