

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
January 23rd, 2023

Members Present: Victoria Schweizer, Lorenzo Dominguez, Sammi Triolo, Alejandra Rodriguez, Hannah Mazur, Amber Maes (5:34pm arrival), Ruth Center (5:47pm arrival), Miranda Mascarenas (6:12pm arrival)

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl

Also Present: Lisa Gomez, Greg Pinkston, Stephanie Behning, Krsitalyn Loftis, Tammie Padilla, Rebecca Jones, Roberta Cole, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Leslie Meehan, Joe Dan Lovato, Chris Eide Azevedo, Aurora Del Valle (late arrival, 5:39pm)

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:32pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Request to strike Item V from the agenda. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the agenda with one amendment. Roll call vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of December (12/19) Business Meeting Minutes: One amendment, in HA report, please add request to have the foundation fund the lunch for the students at the round house. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Abstains, Amber Maes – Abstains, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Abstains, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 3 – 0 with 3 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 Lorenzo Dominguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

III. Public Forum: None

IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

A. Business Office: No Updates

B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning – in ES Istation and Map testing started last week and has been running very smoothly. Wrapping up this week and will start tomorrow going over the Data with the teachers. PD coming up Friday to focus on Data driven instruction. Field trips are being planned for 4th and 5th grade. PT conferences coming up in Feb. They will be optional and focusing on students at risk of retention, or who are not on grade level. It is important to keep communication open with families. Just hired a new ELD teacher and are so excited. We are having new teachers observe in classrooms before starting out as requested by teachers for those coming in mid year. Second round of Observation are happening in Feb. This time they will be scheduled in advance and asking teachers where they think they need the most support. Observations this time are focused on providing the best support. Focusing also on how SPED and Gen Ed teachers use data from testing and strengthening that collaboration. Mary Ellen Dannenberg – Early childhood is deep in ECOT. All Pre Ks are required to report 3 times a year on 27 indicators of progress. Monitoring program is also coming up. Planning a parent engagement activity around creativity and kindness. Joe Dan Lovato – the middle school has made a big switch based on the needs of students and the skill set of our teachers. We've switched our ELA and Newspaper/Creative writing teachers. WIDA and ACCESS testing established and will be looking for students who need to do these assessments. We now have a learning lab during which students will get the extra they need. Working on equitable behavior systems and will be setting up our referral system. 8th grade night is Wednesday night. Field trips coming up, one to NMSA and one to CNM prop shop.

C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide Azevedo – Would like to seed the first part of his presentation to the SPED director Leslie Meehan: approved. We have 123 students with IEPs at TTCS. 108 with disabilities, 15 gifted only with 1 twice exceptional, 58% in ES 39% in MS and 3% in PreK. 15 new Students to TTCS with IEPs. 10 students

exited from SPED (speech only), 20 have been transferred out or did not enroll. There are 28 new referrals as well. 3 did not qualify, 17 qualified and 9 are still pending evaluation. Plus, more most likely coming. The VA started with 3 with IEPs, 2 transferred and 3 came in from other schools. 15% of our student body has disabilities which matches the national average. Staffing: we currently have 5.5 FTE SPED teachers and 6 assistants with hopefully one more. We are getting students with higher needs which therefore requires more staff. One of the MS schedule changes has been to offer more options and adjustments to make sure we are providing the most support for our students. We have one active CAP with the PED from last school year which is going very well. Question: Outstanding IEP evaluations, how long have they been in the pipeline? They are new referrals, some are new this year and some are to see if the implementations from the classroom were enough to support a student. We have a very strong SPED team and leadership team which has been greatly supportive. She is excited the positive direction we are going in. Chris Eide Azevedo – Shouts out Leslie Meehan from stepping in strong into this position. Explains the SAT process and shows and reviews the numbers for TTCS. He also goes over the amount of time committed to this process and points out that some of this process is reviewing whether in classroom support would be enough for some students. JMP has been doing the majority of this work for us and we would like to continue with them. It is not a negative thing and is not a gate keeping nor a slippery slope to get into SPED. We just want to make sure all students are getting the support they need to make them as successful as possible in their regular classroom. No update yet on the success of the VA students' presentation. However, they did an amazing job with this project, designing it, planning it, budgeting it and so much more. They presented to a group at the school, twice and took all of the hard feedback and put their final display together and brought it to legislature. They did a great job and asked for 2.5 times more than they planned and were so successful and already got at least one commitment. The academy team did a really great job. We will know at the end of the legislative session if it gets approved or vetoed. We will be

reviewing our mask mandate tomorrow to see if we will continue our indoor masking. We have 126 applicants for the lottery. We did not receive the Verizon grant because our IT infrastructure was not robust enough, so we are doing a review with Harmonix to address this issue. Our barn project is in reconsideration because the price tag was dramatically different from what we thought. Our outreach team is doing some really cool work to connect our 8th grade students with the high schools in the area. NMSA came out to the school last week and on Wednesday, a group of 7th and 8th graders will be going to do a campus visit at NMSA. We are asking Santa Fe Prep to consider a scholarship for a TTCS student exclusively. 8th grade night is aimed at ensuring our students go to the best place for them. We just received notification today that our site visit with the PEC will be February 22nd.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Communications and engagement: Lorenzo Dominguez – nothing to report.
- Recruitment: Amber Maes - nothing to report
- Equity Council: Stephanie Behning – meeting coming up this Friday.
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: Victoria Schweizer – not a lot new to report, meeting with contacts. Slowly moving along.
- HA Evaluation: Looking at input for the informal round and we are a go for Sunday's annual retreat and training. Tightening up the agenda and topics.

V. ~~Welcome to Elected Staff Representatives:~~

VI. Report on ELP's and Service provided (ELTP v K12+ v Regular): Chris Eide Azevedo – does not have any more to add to this.

VII. Report on Academic Achievement Data: Chris Eide Azevedo – we are hoping to conclude MAP and Istation testing this week for ES. We have just started rolling up the data from last week and from last December for the MS and will have more data for the retreat. Request to start rodeo planning at the retreat as well.

VIII. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Hannah Mazur to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Ale. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria

Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0. Meeting
Adjourned 6:44pm.