

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Special Meeting Minutes
February 20th, 2022

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Victoria Schweizer, Alejandra Rodriguez, Amber Romero, Hannah Mazur, Matt Pahl,

Members Not Present: Lorenzo Dominguez, Wendy Flood, Ruth Center

Also Present: Tammie Padilla, Stephanie Behning, Lisa Gomez, Chris Eide, Zach Chavez, Jenn Prye, Miranda Gonzales, Amanda Wengs, Harry Phillips, Maya Mirabal (6:52pm arrival).

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 6:31pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. **Agenda** – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl - Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.
- II. **Public Forum:** Jenn Prye, Virtual Academy Principal and Director of Academics. Speaks as a community member: Chris Eide and TTCS’ entire staff and Governance Council have exhibited the best practices around COVID and this situation. Extremely clear with instructions, diligent with cleaning, nothing is left out and the response rate for sending students home or not was extraordinary, quick and thorough. The closure a few weeks back was a response to resources, not community spread. It is an extremely safe space for students no matter what. Coming from other schools, this is not the norm to have this detail and foresight.
- III. ***VOTE** – HA Authority to make COVID-19 related decisions – Sammi Triolo explains why this has come up and why it is being brought in. Our current policy, 267, does state that the head administrator does make decisions for school safety in the case of a pandemic, however it does not cover masks which is why this vote is happening. Chris Eide states his and the administration’s stance on the current situation. The staff did meet and there was a poll taken to gauge where they stood. Discussion within the board ensues. The chair, Sammi Triolo states that they are reaffirming the duties of the head administrator and are aligned for the sake of transparency. Data is being collected from the community including staff

and parents. The board is sticking with its mission which states that they are in a collaborative status when it comes to the community. Motion made by Matt Pahl to reaffirm the head administrator's authority to make decisions regarding safety within the COVID-19 pandemic and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.

- IV. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the special meeting and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye the chair, Sammi Triolo - Aye. Passed 6 - 0. Meeting Adjourned, 6:57pm.