

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Alejandra Rodriguez, Amber Maes, Miranda Mascarenas, Ruth Center (arrived 5:47pm)

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl, Ruth Center, Victoria Schweizer

Also Present: Madeline Woods, Brett Barker, Tammie Padilla, Stephanie Behning, Gowan Hays, Jennifer Luong, Leslie Meehan, Joe Dan Lovato, Rebecca Jones, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Zach Chavez (arrived 5:36pm), Viviana Ortega (arrived 6:14pm)

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 Rodriguez and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passes 4 - 0
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of [January \(1/22/24\)](#) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
 - D. ***VOTE** – Approval of [February \(2/05/24\)](#) Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
- II. ***VOTE** – Consent Agenda:

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0

Ruth Center Arrives at 5:48pm

III. Public Forum: None

IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- A. Business Office: Looking at expansion, fire alarm upgrade and maintenance items. Working on spending budgets for this year. The audit has closed and they will be presenting that at the next meeting.
- B. Principals/Staff Representative(s): Mary Ellen Dannenberg: Finished the heart challenge and made quite a bit of money and the children had lots of fun. The Lottery ends Thursday night and pulling Friday. The PTA had their mixer last Thursday and it was really well attended. Start up next week with the next DOM. We've had clubs for a while now in aftercare. Joe Dan Lovato: Fire Safety coming in for MS starting tomorrow and Thursday. Our SEL program with Ben went really well especially talking about being ok with ourselves and the misuse of certain language. Data PD happened last Friday. Trips are being planned. Math support coming soon for some students. We've been invited to the NM earth day festival and will have a booth and we will talk about our barn. We hope to have it up next week, hopefully on our new land, but can play it by ear. Empathy Take a Stand Rally at Tierra is coming and they've invited us. We hope to send some reps. We are in our last week of Basketball; coach Fran and Tammie Padilla have done a great job getting all of these together. It has been a winning season. Madeline Woods: It has been pretty busy. The SEL program was a really good thing. Talked about fears, and highs and aspirations and setting your own bar. The DOMs are in motion. Some are turning out really well and are more hands-on this time around. The garden is up and running, the kids have gotten the beds ready.
- C. Head Administrator: Happy to hear DOM has really taken off and really gaining momentum. We have our site visit tomorrow. The entire Leadership team has done a great job ensuring everything is ready for tomorrow. She appreciates the support. Leslie Meehan and Jennifer Luong both went to Stephanie about the data – really proud of our students and the SPED department and how far it has come since her first year here. Leslie Meehan takes over from here to share the Data. Presentation of SWD, iMMSA, NMMSA scores for students who need educational support. Great to see that they are

growing compared to themselves and to celebrate this achievement. Question from the board: is there something the team is doing to capture what is really working? The teams really talk about the students and make sure the accommodations are being met in the classrooms and continuing pull out if necessary. It really is a collaborative effort. The team really is remarkable. We have an extraordinary number of adults here at TTCS who truly care about kids. Stephanie Behning went to a Kinder classroom last week and watched them work in math centers. Every single student was completely engaged. They were in their math centers – one of which was a restaurant where kinders were taking orders, and paying for food, another was books and they were counting books. They were encouraged to do more when they finished too early. Every student was researching a different topic, very involved and each one could talk about the subject. We really want kids excited to come to school and learn. The kids heart challenge will involve Stephanie getting slimed at some point as a result. Our goal was \$2500 and we raised \$5000. Plus, the health component was awesome. 197 in the lottery, many of which are in early childhood. Discussion of a variety of events coming up. Question about how lottery numbers align with what we hope for. We do not have enough room for all of them.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Recruitment: Nothing to report
- Equity Council: Working on compliance and getting into all of the sites from PED.
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: Meeting to establish timeline for groundbreaking and expansion.
- GC Executive Committee: Moving into the second informal quarter for HA Behning. The next round of interviews is going out to the team.

- V. Discussion/Review – Policy 222 Grievance Procedure Update (first Review): the initial draft is presented to the board. No redline because it is a complete rewrite. Comment – needs a timeline of some sort. This is in the procedure. This does not apply to ECECD as they have their own handbook. Note made in this policy referring to this. Council members

invited to comment on this. The procedure is presented and discussed next.

- VI. ***VOTE** – Ad Hoc Committee: Grievance Procedure: Explanation of what this is. Need to make sure the representatives in this committee are comfortable with and agree to the amount of work involved. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to pass the Ad Hoc Committee for Grievance as proposed and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- VII. ***VOTE** – OMA Resolution: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the OMA Resolution as presented and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- VIII. ***Adjournment of Business Meeting:** Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

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