

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes Pending
February 27th, 2023

Members Present: Miranda Mascarenas, Sammi Triolo, Amber Maes, Victoria Schweizer, Lorenzo Dominguez, Ruth Center (5:48pm arrival)

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl, Hannah Mazur, Alejandra Rodriguez

Also Present: Stephanie Behning, Lisa Gomez, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Roberta Cole, Joe Dan Lovato, Rebecca Jones, Kristalyn Loftis, Regan Hall, Chris Eide Azevedo,

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session** 5:39pm. It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Motion made by Sammi Triolo to approve the agenda, striking Item VII and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez - Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0 with one amendment.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of January (01/23/23) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Abstains, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0 with 1 abstains.
- II. ***VOTE** – Consent Agenda:

Miranda Mascarenas explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Sammi Triolo to pass the consent agenda as present and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote; Amber Maes – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez - Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**
 - A. Business Office: Nothing to Report.

- B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: classroom observations and teacher feedback have been happening and going well. There has also been MAP and Istation testing and Data which allows teams to focus on what they really need to concentrate on. Getting ready for End of Year field trips, events, and testing. Mary Ellen Dannenberg: Friday was the friendship celebration with a great family turnout. The parents got to socialize more and it was a nice celebration. We are coming up on End of Year, so already working on next year prep. Working on getting a dance program called "Dance for Joy" for the 3 and 4-year-olds on Friday mornings. Tomorrow is early education and care day at the round house. Many are going and even taking some children to talk to them about TTCS and let them know how committed we are. Joe Dan Lovato: Wrapping up meetings with teachers about next year plans. We will be exploring options to expand the middle school. Virtual open house was last week and live one this Thursday. Another field trip to the planetarium at the Santa Fe Community College coming up. The Support Staff has been really engaged for some extreme needs for our students and we cannot appreciate them enough. It is wonderful to have that support. The Sports teams are really showing up to games and giving their all. They are representing the school well. We do need more substitute teachers, so please send them our way if you know of any. We are looking forward to receiving many new computers to revamp and upgrade our technology.
- C. Head Administrator – HA Report Against Goals: Chris Eide Azevedo acknowledges the school leaders for an awesome year. It feels like a great place to be right now. We have had several opportunities to be at the Round House today and reinforcing our strong name. Shares short video of Kindergarteners' Demonstration of Mastery. Report: 94% of current faculty and staff intend to return next year. Many classrooms are making excellent growth amongst our students. Including 1.5 to 2 years of growth in our kindergarten. We are optimistic that our novel capital outlay request will be met, we are getting good signs. Regan Hall was voted in by her peers as Staff Rep for the Governance Council. The mask mandate has been lifted, still seeing a lot of stomach illness, but hoping the end of

many of these illnesses soon. Chris Eide Azevedo testified at the Santa Fe council about more affordable housing especially for teachers. Our Lottery is this week, with a goal of hitting 31% of our enrollment in waitlist and we have achieved that. Our work with NEA remains on pause and more updates will be given if any arise. We believe we are in position to have a new structure in the Adobe Lot for classroom and childcare use. We found a better option and are hoping for some good news. We are meeting standards and our Mission Specific Goals is looking like it will have the strongest year thus far. We are showing the most growth in our lowest quartile in our performance framework. We continue to gain meaningful data including how our current 9th graders are doing after leaving us. No material weakness, nor deficiencies in our audit findings which puts us in a small bracket of achievement. Looking for a financial partner for the Middle School. Our projections are looking good for next year. We are going to be a little bit more conservative with our numbers based on the oscillations of student enrollment. We were able to give a \$500 stipend to all staff after taxes during the winter break. We are working hard to get news to our community in a timely manner and will conduct a survey this spring to get more data on that. We are working on staffing for a stronger bilingual program for next year. We would like to have all of our students bilingual by 6th grade if they started with us. We have improved the physical safety of the building with the fence and are working on new cameras. Also, the mask mandate during flu season helped reduce absences due to illnesses. We are now getting more volunteers and are working on making that more accessible to any and all families. Question: is the volunteering tied in with the PTA? Not completely, they are two different entities, but volunteering for the PTA will count towards volunteering hours.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Communications and engagement: Nothing to Report.
- Recruitment: Useful information was gathered during the weekend and a meeting is forthcoming.
- Equity Council: There was a meeting last Friday. Small meeting with only a few people. Focusing on recruiting

parents and reaching out to the PTA for this. Looking at some events for next school year.

- Strategic Planning/Expansion: The newest site plan has been approved with the early learning center on it.
- HA Evaluation: Nothing to Report.

- V. Welcome Elected Staff Representatives: Regan Hall is welcomed as the new elected staff representative.
- VI. ***Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matters – NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2)** – Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) – Limited Personnel matter. Chris Eide Azevedo will be joining the meeting. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to enter executive session and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0. Executive Session entered at 6:21pm. Exited at 6:34pm. No actions were taken nor votes taken during Executive Session.
- VII. ~~***VOTE – Ad Hoc Committee:**~~
- VIII. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Sammi Triolo to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 - 0. Meeting Adjourned 6:35pm.