

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
February 28th, 2022

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Amber Romero, Alejandra Rodriguez, Ruth Center, Victoria Schweizer, Hannah Mazur (arrived 5:36pm), Matt Pahl (arrived 5:38pm)

Members Not Present: Lorenzo Dominguez, Wendy Flood

Also Present: Chris Eide, Stephanie Behning, Jenn Prye, Rebekah Runyan, Miranda Gonzales, Harry Phillips, Zach Chavez, Raz Bhandari, Maya Mirabal (arrived 5:40pm), Leticia Garcia (arrived 5:40pm), Tammie Padilla (arrived 6:04pm)

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:34pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 - 0.
 - C. ***VOTE - Approval of January (1/24/22) Business Minutes:** Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Abstains, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0, 1 abstained.
 - D. ***VOTE – Approval of February (2/20/22) Special Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Abstains, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0, 1 abstained.
- II. ***VOTE – Purchase of Vehicle(s):** Alejandra Rodriguez introduces this vote. Chris Eide explains further. Jenn Prye and Zach Chavez also explain further. Zach Chavez informs the board that PED has approved the purchase of this vehicle with the CSP grant. Question: how many does it seat? 8 people including the driver. How many adults need to be in a

vehicle with children per law? Anyone using the vehicle will have to go through a special training by PED. With the size, the student to adult ratio in these vehicles should not be exceeded. What is the insurance increase? It is minimal, waiting on an exact quote. Any research on the gas, wear and tear, and maintenance costs of these vehicles? Based off of the athletics calendar, the estimated field cost will be around \$8000 per vehicle per year. The annual maintenance cost will be about \$200. Set of tires is about \$800 for 4 and those will come in around 45000 miles, in 2 – 3, maybe 4 years. Please reiterate why we are not doing the 15-passenger van? Not approved for student transport due to safety limitations. A school bus would be much more expensive. Was there another option that would provide the ease of use? Unfortunately, no, there are only a few models that PED will approve to transport students. Is the plan more for students whose parents can't take them to the game? Yes, that is exactly right, more for equity. Are staff members aware of their liability? That discussion has not yet taken place; however, it will be made crystal clear when the time comes and we will make sure they have insurance. Would these vehicles be running in addition to our buses or instead of? They would be used instead of for certain situations where a full size bus would not be needed. Smaller projects such as the academy service programs and some creative scheduling could also help us accommodate the students. This would be a more dexterous system for transporting students. Why not look for something smaller? They are not approved by PED for student transportation, plus a basketball or volleyball team normally has 12 players. How does NMAA fit into all of this? Other teams from NMAA around town already do this, as long as the adults are certified. Is this coming out of the finance committee with any recommendations? The finance committee must make sure the financial budget authority is approved which is in the consent agenda. This purchase must be voted by the Governance Council. SB9 funds are for facilities, the preference would be to use something else if at all possible. The Governance Council could decide to purchase only one vehicle and use CSP instead of SB9. What do we pay for exactly when using the school buses? The operations of the buses. Have we considered the short bus? Yes, they would have to have staff with a bus CDL and bus training as well as all of the PED inspections. The calculations show that we would have to add an entire transportation department to the school. Couldn't it be

cheaper in the long run since one bus will have the same gas mileage as 2 vehicles. The insurance would also be cheaper. We would not be permitted to wrap the bus; the paint and letter code is very strict for buses of that size. This would kill our goal of outdoor advertisement. Also, PED denied the request to leverage the smaller bus. Motion made by Hannah Mazur to purchase one vehicle proposed by the administration and using the CSP grant and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll call vote: Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

III. ***VOTE - Consent Agenda:**

A. ***BAR's**

BAR #	Fund Description	Type	Amount	Purpose
a. 2122-0050	24316-USDE CRRSA ESSER II	Increase	\$ 5,721.00	To budget final award. To decrease budget based
b. 2122-0051	11000-Operational	Decrease	\$ (699,840.00)	on final SEG.
c. 2122-0052	31703-SB-9 State Match Cash	Increase	\$ 15,714.00	To budget final allocation. To transfer from 1000 to
d. 2122-0053	24339-ESSR Virtual Course	Transfer	\$ -	2000
e. 2122-0054	24146-Charter Schools	Increase	\$ 148,656.00	To budget final allocation.
f. 2122-0055	27153-Extended Learning Transport	Increase	\$ 3,759.00	To budget initial allocation.

B. **Disbursements – January 2022**

C. **Checks over \$50,000:**

- a. Santa Fe Public Schools - Check 15698, \$87,086.00

D. **Financial Reports**

- b. Budget to Actual
- c. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance
- d. Bank Reconciliation
- e. RfR Summary

E. **Other**

- a. None

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the Governance Council. The finance committee recommends an approval for the consent agenda. Motion made by Ruth Center to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll call vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

IV. **Public Forum:** None

V. **Updates:**

- a. Business Office: Rebekah Runyan – Starting to put together the template for the budget with changes coming up to give a starting point. Just waiting on the final numbers.
- b. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: a lot of writing is going on in the Elementary School and teachers are displaying writing from students. Teachers are having students create planets and their own amphibians. Looking at small group testing with iStation and getting some really great results with this. With K – 2, they will be pulling students into these smaller groups this month. This will help keep students from rushing through them too much. So far, the results are great. Planning an assembly for April and talking about having a very community and culturally responsive assembly. Hoping to reach out to the parent community to talk about their culture. There will be an interactive component again for this assembly. Harry Phillips – Wrapped up PT conferences on Feb 11th and they were pretty successful reaching families who needed an extra academic push. Basketball victories continue. Middle School assembly last Friday was the PACK UP awards. Honoring students who have made a lot of progress with maturity. There were also minute to win it games, complete with prizes. The Spanish Spelling Bee is this Thursday. ArtWorks is continuing to be used. Looking to get more teacher information and get more staff trained in ArtWorks. Funded by PIE who will generally fund a bus for a field trip. Wild Friends continues to be a source of interest. Continue to shore up duties and SPED coverage. Making sure student support is met and successful. Maya Mirabal has made it to the next round of Teacher of the Year award. Jenn Prye – Teacher evaluations, walk throughs and observations are happening. Students in Social Studies are writing a 2 – 5 page papers on current events. Parent feedback is continuing to be good, to the point Social services is requiring a family to join the academy instead of homeschooling. A student passed a grade level in 3 math standards using iXL and acceleration den. Short cycle assessments are going to be very interesting. The Coyote Howl, like an assembly, was a great success and thoroughly entertaining. The interest continues to sky rocket

for the online academy. There is a high possibility of having a junior academy along with the senior academy. The students are doing a great job staying in their seats which is essential to their academic success. Leticia Garcia: teachers are grateful for the janitorial staff. Still wondering if there is ever going to be an external company coming in to clean. Maya Mirabal - Harry covered it. Miranda Gonzales – absent.

- c. Head Administrator: Chris Eide – Our new sign is up and looks beautiful. Pivoting in and out of online learning went nicely and have received a message from the governor that we decide ourselves whether to require masks. Being able to get a fast decision from the Governance Council last Sunday helped a lot. We want to take it slow and be cautious when deciding about mask requirements. We will make the evaluation the Friday after Spring Break and make the determination after that.

Matt Pahl leaves momentarily (7:21pm), there continues to be a quorum, the meeting continues.

Chris Eide did lots of advocacy with the legislature. Looking at budget template and now looking at calendars. We are currently working under an ELTP calendar, 190 days, which is more money for the teachers and the Governance Council will be asked to consider a K5+ calendar, 205 days which would be significantly more money for the teachers. Lottery closing tomorrow with almost all of our students re-enrolled for next year. Greatest outflow is with 7th graders going to charter schools with high schools. Increases to insurance premiums and ERB will create a significant increase in obligation and waiting to see if SRG will help cover that.

Presentation made to the LANL foundation. Received RFP dollars to offer to one of our EAs to go through a bachelor's program and get their teaching license. Still trying to move forward with purchasing the property next door. Also trying to generate additional funding for our success coyote proposition. Assembling the finance picture for the new middle school and get out of the portables. Coyote Community Council met for the 3rd time and the garden is the biggest project coming out of that. Mission and Vision reimagination is going well. We welcomed our new HR manager, Delfina Hernandez. We are awaiting our new SPED director who will

take over for our consultant. The Foundation work is moving forward powerfully. The deck for the Meow Wolf project is finished. It is about 2 – 3 years out.

- d. Equity Council: Victoria Schweizer - The membership got onto the email blast from PED

Matt Pahl Returns (7:31pm)

Will continue to work with them and get access to Stars.

- e. Marketing Committee: Hannah Mazur - The role Zach Chavez has been playing has been perfect timing. He has stepped up a lot of the efforts of the school. Many Facebook posts, radio promotions and also the Open Houses were great – 3 virtual and one in person. Zach Chavez was a great hire.
- f. Recruitment and Volunteer Committee: Amber Romero - We have a council member who is resigning – Wendy Flood is leaving us. Her position is open starting immediately. A few suggestions and a few people to look at inviting to the Governance Council. The council has 45 days to fill this position for the rest of the term and this is what the team is looking for. Once the term is up, the seat opens up and that person must go through the election process.
- g. GC Executive Team: Sammi Triolo - Looking to finalize what dollars will look like for expansion and what that threshold is.

Motion made by Sammi Triolo to move Items VI and VII to next working session and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

Motion made by Hannah Mazur to push the Executive session to a Special meeting and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

~~VI. Academic achievement Data (first semester):~~

~~VII. Report on Progress Towards Mission Specific Goals~~

~~VIII. Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matter – NMSA~~

IX. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur –

Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the
Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0. Meeting Adjourned, 7:43pm.