

Turquoise Trail Charter School  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Members Present:** Alejandra Rodriguez, Sammi Triolo, Matt Pahl, Miranda Mascarenas,

**Members Not Present:** Victoria Schweizer, Amber Maes, Ruth Center

**Also Present:** Tammie Padilla, Gowan Hays, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Stephanie Behning, Joe Dan Lovato, Louis Carlos, Rebecca Jones (5:37pm), Zach Chavez (5:49pm),

**Scribe:** Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:34pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
  - **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
  - **\*VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye, passed 4 – 0.
  - **\*VOTE** – Approval of February (2/26/24) 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, Matt Pahl – Abstains, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 3 – 0 with 1 abstains.
- II. **\*VOTE** – Consent Agenda:

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the consent agenda as presented sans the additional items and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
- III. **Public Forum:** Tammie Padilla and Louis Carlos. Tammie Padilla expresses her concerns about the grievance policy; will it be clear and why is it being updated now. Louis Carlos invites TTCS to rejoin the youth wrestling organization he is part of; regrets TTCS did not join this year due to misunderstandings and expresses concerns over missing matts.
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- Business Office: Last week was spring budget workshop and Gowan Hays got to visit the school. We did get the unit value so we will be working on budget projections. Discusses the meeting and what can be expected next year. Question from Alejandra Rodriguez: is the risk because of our incidents? No this is a state-wide raise, not particular to us. Matt Pahl explains further.
- Principals/Staff Representative(s): Mary Ellen Dannenberg: Demonstration of Mastery finished last week with lots of celebration, plays, performances, book soup, and everything in between. Lots of parents joined in. We are getting ready for testing when we get back. This will be the State mandated one, and then our own testing. NDI has been working with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and are planning on a performance in May. We plan to have NDI next year. We have a monitoring visit for the ECECD program. The stucco is a hazard for the little ones and parts of the playground for the littles has to be blocked off. This will most likely be flagged. Joe Dan Lovato: The Demonstrations of Mastery have also been going on in the Middle School and have been very entertaining. We have a barn built now, and just have a few more things to go on it. It is built on our new land and should be up and running soon. Math Amigos meeting went well. For now, PD is what it looks like we will be doing and next year we hope to get some math tutoring for our middle school students. End of Year trips coming up for MS students. Testing schedule is up and coming soon. Teachers are about to go to observations of other teachers in other schools. To allow them to see a variety of good and maybe bad practices.
- Head Administrator: Stephanie Behning: We have met the standard for EL students after a few years of not. Aurora Del Valle has been working so hard to get us to this point. We are now working on receiving bilingual funding. The town hall meeting was small but informative. Staff said through a survey that they wanted to maintain a clean school through an adequate custodial staff. There is testing in April. The Demonstrations of Mastery made her extremely proud of what has come of them. This is showing the beginning of what is to come and it is so impressive what our teachers are able to guide our students towards. We have received money for safety and will be installing cameras and possibly a

weapons detection system. Enrollment is at 710 for K-8 with 88 Pre-K students. We are hoping that holds and we are happily full. Now that the land has been purchased, there will be a meeting with the Foundation, PTA and the GC about how the three entities will be collaborating on this. We are brainstorming how to bring in more families, and more community participation. Events for GC personal calendars presented.

- Committees and Councils (as needed)
  - Recruitment: There was some talk in the mid-year meeting and there are some good pools to enhance the efforts.
  - Equity Council: Looking at working with the PTA which is what other schools do.
  - Strategic Planning/Expansion: Meeting next week to ensure clarity with budget.
  - GC Executive Committee: The HA evaluation committee has completed their second round of surveys and are about to review the results. We are bringing back the visits. The ad hoc grievance committee has met a couple of times and there is now a request for a new member to join which is why there will be a vote. The committee has sent their draft to legal and once they are finished will tackle the parent grievance policy.
- V. SY24-25 School Calendar (first review): Stephanie Behning presents the school calendar proposal for next year. She believes it is important to listen to the population. The majority requested we remain with as close as possible to our existing calendar. Reasoning behind the few changes is explained. Q & A ensues.
- VI. **\*VOTE:** Consideration of disposal Listing: The disposal list is presented to the board. Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to accept the disposal listing as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
- VII. **\*VOTE:** Consideration of Clearly Clean: Explanation about what this represents. Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the consideration as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.

VIII. **\*VOTE:** Ad Hoc Committee Grievance Procedure Update: Request to add Roberta Cole to the Ad Hoc Committee. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the addition of Roberta Cole to the Ad Hoc Committee and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Passed 4 – 0.

IX. **\*Executive Session:**

- Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H)(2) – Limited personnel matters; Overview of Head Administrator interim II review. Head Administrator Behning attending.
- Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H)(7) – Limited personnel matters; Pending Litigation Head Administrator Behning attending.

Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to enter executive session and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas, Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0. Executive session entered at 6:57pm. Executive session exited at 7:35pm, no action was taken.

X. **\*VOTE** – (as needed following executive session) – no discussion to have a vote. Motion to strike this agenda item made by Alejandra Rodriguez and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.

XI. **\*Adjournment of Business Meeting:** Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the business meeting made by and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll call vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Zoom meeting info:

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