

Turquoise Trail Charter School  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Members Present:** Hannah Mazur, Sammi Triolo, Victoria Schweizer, Alejandra Rodriguez, Ruth Center

**Members Not Present:** Lorenzo Dominguez, Amber Maes, Matt Pahl, Miranda Mascarenas

**Also Present:** Stephanie Behning, Chris Eide, Joe Dan Lovato, Tammie Padilla, Aurora Del Valle, Crissandro Briancesco, Roberta Cole

**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 to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
  - C. **\*VOTE** – Approval of February (02/27/23) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Abstains, Hannah Mazur – Abstains, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 3 – 0 with 2 abstains.
- II. **\*VOTE** – Consent Agenda:

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to pass the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**
  - A. Business Office: None
  - B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: Our Pre K teachers are going to the NMEYC conference in ABQ. Assemblies on empathy wrapped up before Spring Break and included a STEAM project of

making boats. 4<sup>th</sup> grading period about to be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. Field trips are being organized including a 5<sup>th</sup> grade “shelter challenge”. We have started prepping for next school year with programs and supplies. Looking at placement for next year and the new bilingual schedule. Joe Dan Lovato: Took students on a field trip to the planetarium. Science 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes doing a program on natural hazard inventions. Board members are invited. Film Prize Junior Festival is coming up with 5 films presented by our very own students. These films will also be showcased at the Lensic April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. Launching a new behavior system to reward students for positive behavior. Testing coming up in a variety of ways: NAPE, NWEA EOY, NMSSA, some EOCs. End of year field trips are coming up soon and kids are looking forward to them.

C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide Azevedo: welcomes Crissandro Briancesco. The governor officially signed the bill for Capital Outlay and we will be receiving \$235,000 for a new playground thanks to the virtual academy students. The work was featured in Tumbleweeds. In a few weeks we are going to be having a hiring bonanza where it appears we can be very selective. Working on options for the portables for early childhood. Good progress there. DOMs are far above what they’ve been in the past. On track to deliver academic achievement data. New middle school facility is moving forward. On track maintaining and holding onto high performing faculty and staff. Working on making classes bilingual and getting students fluent in 2 languages. We have been receiving quotes for a new fire/alarm system and hope to get some of the upgrades done in the next few months. Parent engagement has increased with volunteers stepping in in a variety of ways. Question: are the teachers going to be involved in the calendar discussion? Stephanie Behning: yes, absolutely. Question: what about the lottery results for the next school year? Chris Eide: we have a few kids on the waitlist for the younger classes. We are expecting and preparing for attrition.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Communications and engagement: None
- Recruitment: None

- Equity Council: wrapping up our goals for the end of May and recruiting parents and students. Especially 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
  - Strategic Planning/Expansion: None
  - HA Evaluation: We are on track with the HA hiring process. The committee has begun going through the initial application and have begun sending responses out. A couple of board members will be at the School to answer any questions from staff.
- V. **\*VOTE** – TTCS Bylaws Document: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the Bylaws as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- VI. TTCS 2023-2024 School Calendar (first review): Chris Eide Azevedo explains the calendar creation process and what the main changes are this year. Discussion ensues, questions are asked and answered.

Meeting paused due to quorum connectivity failure.

Meeting ended 7:35pm. No motion nor vote due to lack of quorum.