

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
June 27th, 2022

Members Present: Ruth Center, Hannah Mazur, Alejandra Rodriguez, Victoria Schweizer, Miranda Mascarenas, Sammi Triolo, Amber Romero, Lorenzo Dominguez (5:41pm arrival).

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl

Also Present: Tammie Padilla, Stephanie Behning, Chris Eide, Joe Dan Lovato, Rebekah Runyan, Zach Chavez, Jenn Prye (6:19pm arrival)

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: Victoria Schweizer requests the removal of Item X. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the agenda with one amendment and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye passed 7 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of June (6/06) Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the June minutes as presented and seconded by Amber Lee Maes. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Abstains, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Abstains, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0 with 2 abstains.

- II. ***VOTE** – Consent Agenda:

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass.

Lorenzo Dominguez arrives – 5:41pm

Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve the consent agenda and presented and seconded by Lorenzo Dominguez. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

III. Public Forum: Joe Dan Lovato, new Middle School Principal, introduces himself to the board.

IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

A. Business Office: Update = working on closing out the fiscal year and setting up the new fiscal year as well as doing the audit prep.

B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: very busy and exciting right now. Highlight is the leadership retreat this week. We are going to be doing assessments of incoming students in a different format in mid-July which will assist with student placement. Joe Dan Lovato: we are staffing a lot and chasing some of the “big fish” of education. Getting ready for the new year by hitting the ground running.

C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide: Welcomes Joe Dan Lovato and introduces him some more to the board. School year wrapped up June 10th in a beautiful way. The mayor came to the graduation and spoke with many families. Commissioner Carrillo also attended and spoke highly of TTCS. We ended a couple of high notes: hired the MS principal, we will be awarded the full requested amount for the K12+ planning grant. We would like to take our students on college trips and allow teachers to also take days to visit other schools to increase and build on what they are doing in school. With the end game of making TTCS a more appealing place to learn and teach. We are building out a more detailed budget for this plan. We are going to look at our data in a bit. We are doing a lot of hiring right now, but still have a lot of vacancies to fill due to a high volume of turn over. Our goal is to bring in the highest quality educators we know of in the state. Shouts out Zach Chavez for making this possible and bringing in some amazing candidates such as: Mandi Torrez, Laureen Guerrero, Joe Dan Lovato, Evy Lereau all extremely talented teachers many of which are Teacher of the Year recipients, or candidates. We also have a couple of teachers coming from the May Center. We are also bringing back some of the originals of TTCS. We hope to bring people back as much as we can. Union bargaining is closed until August, perhaps September. We are waiting to hear who the new union leadership will be as all 5 of the original ones have left. We hope to receive funding for the new middle school building. This year, we don't expect breakout

academic results. We expect to only be narrowly ahead of SFPS which is disappointing for all of us here. Many factors contributed to this, primarily the amount of teacher turnover in the middle of the school year. By the end of the school year we had some extremely fatigued people, even though we did not deny any leave which maybe we should have. Another reason for the low data was the new curriculum. Teachers had to learn a new way and that can be hard. Chris would like to put the question to the teachers: how do we mitigate people taking time off all at the same time. We are also hoping to be allowed to bring volunteers into the building again. Question: has the current policy for leave been reviewed to possibly help with this issue? Clarification: the teachers are only asking for sick leave which is different from annual leave. Also, the pandemic had a huge effect on absences. Comment: Children were also out a lot more than before due to the pandemic. Would like to give some of his time to Jenn Prye. Explains her departure from TTCS and says thank you to the board. The Board Thanks Jenn Prye.

- D. Equity Council: Victoria Schweizer – informal group meeting was held at the school and recruiting more.
 - E. Marketing Committee: briefly met earlier this month. Zach has been doing a lot of activities to promote TTCS. Best of Santa Fe Results will be released at the end of July. Enrollment numbers are excellent at 812 which is good as long as we don't get too much attrition. The academy is at about 46 for next year.
 - F. Recruitment Committee: none
 - G. GC Executive Team: Still plugging away. A lawyer has been secured to review the contract for the property. There is progress. We do have the dates for the annual meeting at the end of July.
- V. Discussion – Performance outcomes: What we achieved as a school and a board this fiscal year: Chris Eide goes over our Istation and MAP testing data. We will begin tracking legacy students this year. We want 100% of our students to be proficient after 2+ years at our school. This should also start to show the effectiveness of our interventions which we will start implementing. Science is where we shine this year and our students are testing at the 11th grade level. Jenn Prye points out how it is vital for teachers to be comfortable with the curriculum and to have it vertically

and horizontally aligned. We hope to have more robust data on the diversity gap.

- VI. Discussion – Strategies for the coming year:
 - A. What, if any, new policies and procedures do we need to create and adopt? The board discusses second language classes for all students.
 - B. Where have we been successful? (student outcomes/reports):
 - C. What does our data show us with regards to our mission specific goals and student outcomes from this past school year? (student outcomes/reports)
- VII. *VOTE – Lease Assistance Application: Chris Eide describes this. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the lease assistance application as presented and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.
- VIII. *VOTE – Contract: Harmonix: Chris Eide introduces this contract. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve this contract as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 - 0
- IX. *VOTE – Contract: JMP Academy of Professional Development: Chris Eide describes this contract. Hourly rate must be specified if we have a “not to exceed”. Request of more clarification on why this did not happen last year and also where is this being pulled from the budget? Chris Eide clarifies. Discussion ensues. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to table this vote until the July business meeting and request that an hourly rate is added. and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. VOTE tabled till the next meeting 8 – 0.
- ~~X. *VOTE – Contract: Joseph Heitzman~~
- XI. *VOTE – Policy Update: Governance Council Staff Representatives (second read): Victoria Schweizer proposes a change of 90 days instead of 3. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to approve this policy as amended and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye,

Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

Motion made by Sammi Triolo to postpone the next 3 items to the next meeting and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll call vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez - Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0. Items postponed.

~~XII. *VOTE – Policy Update: Conflicts of Interest (second read)~~

~~XIII. *VOTE – Policy Update: Confidentiality (second read)~~

~~XIV. *VOTE – Policy Update/New: Waiver of Nepotism Rule – Head Administrator (second read)~~

XV. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Ruth Center – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Lee Maes – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.