

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
July 25th, 2022

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Hannah Mazur, Victoria Schweizer, Alejandra Rodriguez, Matt Pahl, Amber Maes, Miranda Mascarenas, Lorenzo Dominguez (late arrival, 5:48pm)

Members Not Present: Ruth Center

Also Present: Tammie Padilla, Evy Lareau, William Zunkel, Rebekah Runyan, Chris Eide

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo (late arrival, 6:30pm)

- 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 Rogriduez to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of June (6/27) Business Meeting Minutes: Request to change “special” to “business” in Item XV, second line Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve the minutes with one amendment and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Abstains, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstain.
- 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 approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None

IV. Updates/Presentations of Reports

- A. Business Office: Rebekah Runyan: final reporting is due to PED this week and audit work was started.
- B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Chris Eide: The principals are having dinner with new teachers and we are starting the new year. He will provide a few highlights from the principals themselves.
 - a. Head Administrator: Chris Eide: We have begun our new year with our new teachers. Orientation, how to be a coyote and day to day. Everybody is feeling very optimistic about this year. Stephanie is anxious to share her vision for the library decentralized in to the classrooms which should make books even more available to children. Chris is excited for this year. Last year we weathered a lot as a team and as a school. As the year went on, we saw many people lose steam and take on other pursuits. We feel those of us still here have not loss any ambition and want to continue our mission. We have raised over \$1 million of non-ESSER monies for special programs. We are excited to see these put into place this year. We have a strong year of restorative justice to teach and heal students. There will also be other programs to bring the students together more and get them into a better place. Fresh set of electives and a growing garden. We have \$400,000 of K12+ money we will be able to use for trips for our students and our teachers. We are getting the teachers together in dynamic ways. We are going to take another approach for PD. Allowing teachers to go out into other schools around the states to get new ideas and be exposed to new environments. Our 3year old program is almost ready to launch. All of our kids will be going to school the same number of days. We will make it play based for the little ones and give the teachers more time to set these kids up for success. We had a chance to bring on at least 4 amazing teachers from Mexico thanks to Ale and her husband, but were unable to do so due to visa issues and impediments from the PED. So we are going to work on becoming sponsors for J1 visas so we can have visiting teachers from Mexico and Spain to help us build our bilingual program. We are continuing with the academy and will see if it is something we are going to continue in upcoming years. We have the students and the teachers and will continue with this as well. We got our youth

forward survey and are using it for our resource allocation for this year. We feel this is a good result for us. 75% of parents feel their children are getting a good education at TTCS. From the Teachers, 100% said we set high expectations for teachers. Areas of improvement = not enough families have a sense of belonging. Zach and Roberta are going to be leaning into improving on this. Teacher reported that they needed more time to work together. So we will be making space for that. One great success = career pathways for our EAs. We are now getting funding for 7 of our EAs to get a college degree for free but to participate in a cohort based program to help them become classroom teachers. Talks about the original charter. Talks about Evy and the plans for the library.

C. Equity Council: None

D. Marketing Committee: None

E. Recruitment Committee: None

F. GC Executive Team: Lots of work happened in the background.

Hammered out the last of the contract. Moving slow, but moving.

The annual meeting is this next weekend.

- V. Discussion – Audit Committee Work Begins: Needs a member from the community, not a GC member, and must hold financial experience. Still searching the TTCS community. Victoria recommends Bill Z. He accepts.
- VI. Discussion – TTCS Library Facilities Overview - Evy Lareau explains to the board the new plan for the library. Chris introduces her. Presentation on Arts Integration program being brought to TTCS. Question from Lorenzo: is there something simple we can use to explain to the community what is really happening with the Library. Evy will create a simple hand out and the main message is “the library is not being taken away, but being expanded into what it really can be”. Question: Why is the board only finding out about this now. A: we didn’t have the right people at first and met Evy during the principal hiring process and it became clear she would be perfect for this. This didn’t really start to manifest until early June. Question: what is the actual status of the library? Will it be complete by GTP? Yes, the basics will be finished by the end of this week. Currently it is about 80% there; all of the books have been redistributed to the classrooms where students would have more access to them. It has not been gutted, just rearranged. Suggestion: tell the families about this prior to GTP and then have a walk through at GTP. The board is excited about

this idea and just wants to make sure everybody, including the teachers are ready to field questions about this.

VII. *VOTE – Policy Series 100 Policy Updates (Time Permitting)

- Conflicts of Interest (second read)

Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

- Confidentiality (second read)

Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

- Waiver of Nepotism Rule – Head Administrator (second read)

Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

- Code of Ethics (second read)

Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

- Liability Protections (second read)

Matt clarifies need for this policy. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Nay, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 7 – 1.

- Access to Legal Council (second read)

Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve the policy as presented and seconded by Amber Maes. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt

Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

Motion made by Ale to strike the last three items on the agenda and them and seconded by H. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0.

- ~~Governance Council Protocols (second read)~~
- ~~Governance Council Head Administrator Relations (second read)~~
- ~~Head Administrator Evaluation (second read)~~

VIII. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Hannah Mazur to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Amber Maes – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 8 – 0
Meeting Adjourned 7:30pm.