

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 2022

Members Present: Alejandra Rodriguez, Victoria Schweizer, Hannah Mazur, Miranda Mascarenas, Sammi Triolo (5:42pm arrival), Ruth Center (5:44pm arrival)

Members Not Present: Matt Pahl, Lorenzo Dominguez, Amber Maes.

Also Present: Lisa Gomez, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Joe Dan Lovato, Kristalyn Loftis, Chris Eide Azevedo, Zach Chavez

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:42pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll call vote: Sammi Triolo – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, the Chair, Victoria Schweizer – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of July (7/25) Business Meeting Minutes: Miranda Mascarenas requests that her name be added to the “Members Present” as she was present at the meeting. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the minutes with amendment and seconded by Sammi Triolo. Roll Call Vote: Sammi Triolo – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Victoria Schweizer – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.
- 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 Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- A. Business Office: Kristalyn Loftis introduces herself.
- B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Joe Dan Lovato: MS off to a fantastic start and working towards making sure the environment is conducive to a strong learning environment. He is using the morning message as a method of getting the day started with good energy. Establishing testing dates. The educators are really great this year. The restorative program is already having a good outcome. Mary Ellen Dannenberg: This year has started amazing well. The teachers are doing really well. Things are going so smoothly. The first assembly is this week to talk about inclusivity. Splitting it up so all students have an opportunity to speak. These will end with a project conducted by Evy Lareau. The 3y and the Pre K are amazing. The ECECD will hear that we have 25 on the waitlist and we keep getting more inquiries. The need is out there. No Teacher reps today.
- C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide Azevedo echoes what the principals have said. The entire staff appreciated the GC coming and feeding them. It sent a very good message that we are all here together. Shouts out the principals for running their schools beautifully. We did have a few hiccups due to a huge amount of complexity and humans. The Power School transition has been a bit bumpy, so we are using the old system in tandem. The second issue is what happened to one of our teachers. He is grateful to the board for their help with the communication approach. It was really tough. By this time next month, we will have taken the first batch of teachers to some innovative schools around the country. They will visit 3 schools in New Orleans and the teachers will have time to really look into them and discuss them. In October they are going to the Bay area and in November they are going to LA and San Diego for High Tech High. He also restructured the HA notes around the organizational goals. We are in process and on target except for our teacher stipend resolution. Enrollment is 733 with target at 732. It is normal for it to fluctuate.
- D. Marketing Committee: Zach Chavez: the committee went over the summer and what happened in the past year. Then looked into what to expect this coming year. A large group of volunteers is coming to TTCS next month to do some work around the buildings including a walking/running/biking trail around the campus.

Gathering of the Pack was much better organized this year. Excited to ramp up the social media and get the volunteers going.

- E. Recruitment Committee: There are 3 people interested in the board and will be followed up with. 2 are brand new parents who had just moved here.
 - F. Equity Council: Did not convene this month, but there are members in the administration and the community who are going to take the lead in this council.
 - G. GC Executive Team: The contract for the property has gone out to the developer. Everything is in place and waiting to hear any updates they might request. The foundation has been meeting with the auditors from the school and determined an audit was not required. The Head Administrator evaluations are progressing as well. We are currently looking at bringing training in house if the numbers work.
- V. Safe Schools Plans Review: It was approved last year and is going well. Chris Eide Azevedo does an overview of the SSP that is submitted for review every 3 years. We are currently putting up latilla fencing to increase security and setting up better cameras.
- VI. Policy 326 – Transportation (first review). Policy 326 is reviewed and discussed. Chris Eide Azevedo explains why this update is needed. Since the purchase of the Coyote Wagon, an update in the policy is needed. Zach explains where he got the wording for the amendments and Mary Ellen explains how having a 3y program and 4y program made the need even greater. We need to make sure our students are as safe as possible. Recommendation from the board to present the policy as starting from a clean slate and presenting it to the board at their next work session.
- VII. ***VOTE** – Contract: JMP Academy of Professional Development. Chris explains what JMP is and what we use them for. Question: are there two more quotes for the same service? They were not able to generate other quotes. Does the ‘cannot exceed’ include GRT or not? It does. What did we pay JMP last year? How many students went through the SAT process last year? Chris will report back. How many students are still going through the SAT process now. About 55 and they will likely wait and the list will grow if we continue to wait. Our current SPED department is not equipped to run the SAT process. Should we bring this to a special session to clarify more? Chris will move forward and there will be a special session

to review and vote on this. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to table this vote to extend the quote to 2 other vendors and to be voted at a special session to be scheduled and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Tabled 6 – 0.

VIII. ~~*VOTE – Policy Series 100 Policy Updates (Time permitting)~~

~~A. Governance Council Protocols (second read)~~

~~B. Governance Council Head Administrator Relations (second read)~~

~~C. Head Administrator Evaluation (second read)~~

Motion made by Sammi to table the second review of these 3 policies until the next meeting and Seconded by V. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Tabled 6 – 0.

IX. ***Executive Session**

Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) – Limited personnel matters. Teacher Administrative Leave. Chris Eide Azevedo attending.

Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to enter the executive session and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 6 – 0.

Executive session entered at 7:05pm. Executive session exited at 7:55pm. No actions were taken.

- X. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made Hannah Mazur and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye. Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed: 6 – 0 Meeting Adjourned 7:56pm.