

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
September 26th, 2022

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Miranda Mascarenas, Hannah Mazur, Alejandra Rodriguez, Victoria Schweizer, Matt Pahl, Ruth Center (arrived 5:42pm), Lorenzo Dominguez (arrived 5:42pm)

Members Not Present: Amber Maes

Also Present: Stephanie Behning, Chris Eide, Joe Dan Lovato, Zach Chavez, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Kristalyn Loftis, Tammie Padilla, Lisa Gomez (arrived 5:44pm), Amy Oler (6:05pm)

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:36pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Sammi Triolo requests the first read of the Transportation Policy, Item VI be struck from the agenda. Alejandra Rodriguez requests Item from the consent agenda, JMP contract be struck as it has already been voted on. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve as amended and seconded by Matt Pahl. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas - Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, and the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of August (8/22) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the August Minutes as presented and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Abstains, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0 with 1 abstain.
 - D. ***VOTE** - Approval of September (9/12) Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the Special Meeting Minutes as presented and seconded by Lorenzo Dominguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Abstains, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 7 – 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 with one strike and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

III. **Public Forum:** Zach Chavez, Director of External Affairs and parent to 2 TTCS students. Acknowledges Miranda Mascarenas and her husband for providing a special trailer that nobody has to make our cross-country course possible. He is extremely grateful for her partnership and responsiveness.

IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

A. Business Office: No updates nor changes

B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: It has been quite the week. MAP testing starting tomorrow for 3 – 5. Excited to get that data back and see where students land. Istation data is back and is what we expected. Teachers are working on learning plans for students who fell behind. Meeting with teachers once a week to work on curriculum, behavior and how to use PowerSchool effectively. Grades are due next week before PT conferences. Teacher observations are happening weekly. All teachers provide the principals with classroom management plans = expectations plus a goal for their teams. Aiming for a very collaborative effort. Also seeing how students learn which shows results of the teaching. PT conferences coming up. Kinvoled is up and running and cleaned up. Short word count can make it challenging. Mary Ellen Dannenberg – the 3y and 2 4y programs has joined with SF community college and their new Aprende program. They place volunteers in our classes who are taking child development classes. These volunteers and the teachers are paid by the. Once they finish we can hire them. Then it turns into a model like the Ed Fellows that would eventually grow another teacher for us. Stephanie Behning: DOM is getting started and some results of the projects are showing up and will be shared with families next grading period. Joe Dan Lovato: Extreme School Makeover with PSI. The portables are

painted, the grounds are cleaned up, the labyrinth is rebuilt, a new coyote fence is up. It looks like a new school. They worked hard through the rain and sun and even came back a second day. The Students appreciated it. MAPs testing is completed. Once makeup tests are done, the data will be interesting and will help with creating more data informed instruction. The trip to New Orleans was inspiring. The schools were amazing and rebuilt themselves in the strongest way. Seeing what determination they had was truly inspiring and showed what's really possible. Don't accept excuses, only results. PLCs start this week and the discussion on what was observed on these trips will be extremely interesting. Shout out to all of admin who held the fort down while so many people were out. Chris Eide: the academy has begun it's in person rotations. The enrollment continues to stay consistent at 27 students and 3 teachers. Students are doing self-directed learning as well as doing bigger projects. Everything is going generally as planned. A few problems with consistency, but all in all the train is moving. They also went through testing last week.

- C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide: Shouts out Zach Chavez who has recently been named to the second cohort of Change Makers. They are getting together to study education and what differences collectively they can make. The trips have been made possible by the k12 plus pilot program which allows us to do these great things. We are in the planning phase of some end of year trips for the students. This will create transformative experiences for the children. Mary Ellen brought in the volunteer from the community college in record time. Shouts out Tammie Padilla, fights the battles relentlessly with the NMAA to get our student athletes out there. Our teams are doing really well thanks in part to her leadership. We have a new 4th grade teacher in social studies. She is a 20+ year educator from Baltimore MD. Waiting to hear from the NEA about the continuation of our bargaining. Our BOY data will be rolled up by the middle of next week and we are really on track with our DOM. We are excited to see the results. We are on track to show the rubric to the GC this spring. No material weaknesses nor significant issues in the audit this year. It has been quite seamless. The Middle School projection is moving smoothly. With 40th day

coming up, we have lower numbers than expected right now. The budget was worked for 732 students K-8 due to it being at 800 a few months ago. It is not, it is closer to 649. We are already considering what needs to be cut or scaled back on. These conversations will come after 40th day. We are working on getting students from the waitlist in. Teacher stipend resolutions not yet initiated – waiting on 40th day. Retaining high performing teachers will have to wait till the end of the school year. The new communication system, Kinolved, is running smoothly. We have been working on a longer game recruitment for our bilingual program to make it stronger. The PSI has helped to build some obfuscation from the outside. We are looking at upgrading our entire camera system for the school. We will be reporting volunteer hours at PT conferences next week. Hoping to encourage more volunteering from the community. Shouts out Lorenzo for being a chess coach while Chris was out with the teachers. Lorenzo Dominguez: Please elaborate on the gap of 83 students we are down. We don't really know why they did not show up. We hope to have a better sense in the upcoming weeks. Miranda Mascarenas: Is there a specific grade level where there is more a decrease in enrollment? It is generally across the board, but MS sees the bigger drop, possibly 7th grade where many families go to other schools. Is it possible another grade level is also seeing a drop where we can learn something. Alejandra Rodriguez: same question as Miranda. Is it possible that making 4th grade switch classes for subjects affected our numbers? As for the teacher exchange program: is there a timeline for when it will be addressed? Not yet, Chris wants to prioritize it, but has not been able to just yet. Hannah Mazur: we should collect data and contact the families that left to see why. This could be very informative. Victoria Schweizer: Why did we not start inviting kids from the waitlist earlier? Also looking at 3 teachers for 27 students seems a bit extreme. How can we be doing this better? We filled every single class as much as possible. As students left we refilled as much as we could. However, the cleanup just happened and we are working on back filling. The only other option would be to over subscribe the classrooms at the start. We did by about 3, but may have played it too safe because it is such a large gamble. We could not have foreseen the number of

students that came out in the cleanup. We should also budget far more conservatively instead. Gathering the data will help with answering the questions. Lorenzo Dominguez: He would be happy to call 20 of the families to help with this effort. Chris gladly accepts the help. Hannah Mazur offers to help as well. Victoria Schweizer: Is there any advertisement right now that we are accepting students? Some general signs around town, but nothing actively saying: “enroll now”. Alejandra Rodriguez: Are waitlist families being called right away? Yes, the front office is calling immediately. And what are the responses? Varied. Request – updated version of the enrollment report, filled, vacant, waitlist. Sammi Triolo: Is there a required amount of time we must keep people on the roster if they do not communicate? No, not really. We can consider it.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Communications and engagement: We have not had any meetings in a bit.
- Recruitment: No update – but please note elections are coming up in November. The elections also include the staff representatives.
- Equity Council: There are 2 more meetings coming up. This year’s goals are that they meet a minimum of 2 action items by June 2023.
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: The purchase contract is back and is being reviewed by legal. Matt Pahl has been working on getting the financials.
- HA Evaluation: Wrapping up a bit late the end of year evaluation from last year and in full swing of the first quarter review process.
- Training: There are a number of options and we are still waiting to hear what the pricing in January would be. It would be nice to have the training all together. PTSM is also offering training in the conference which is another option which would meet the 8-hour requirement. Alejandra Rodriguez: the audit committee has been meeting with the auditors and everything has been on schedule and all requests have been fulfilled in a timely manner.

- V. HA Report Against School Goals: Has already been covered in the HA update.
- VI. ~~Policy 326—Transportation (clean copy first review).~~
- VII. ***Executive Session**
Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) – Limited personnel matters. HA Evaluation Review with full board. Chris Eide Azevedo attending.
Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez and seconded by Victoria Schweizer to enter the executive session. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0. Executive session entered at 6:44pm. Executive session exited at 7:11pm. No actions were taken.
- VIII. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** –Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote; Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 - 0 Meeting Adjourned 7:13pm.