

Turquoise Trail Charter School  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Members Present:** Sammi Triolo, Alejandra Rodriguez, Ruth Center, Hannah Mazur, Miranda Mascarenas, Lorenzo Dominguez (5:36 pm arrival), Matt Pahl (5:39 pm arrival), Amber Romero (5:42 pm arrival)

**Members Not Present:** Victoria Schweizer

**Also Present:** Laurie Allegretti, Lisa Gomez, Greg Pinkston, Chris Eide, Rebecca Jones, Stephanie Behning, Kristalyn Loftis, Zach Chavez, Joe Dan Lovato, Myrrhine Faller, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Erika-Lee Ortega, Amanda Wengs, Jennifer Luong (late arrival, 5:39 pm), Amy Oler (late arrival, 5:44 pm), Aurora Del Valle (late arrival, 5:45 pm), DeAnnette Roybal (late arrival, 5:46 pm), Roberta Cole (late arrival, 5:53 pm), Michelle Windham (late arrival 6:34 pm)

**Scribe:** Francesca Margaritondo

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session** 5:32pm. 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 Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.

Hannah Mazur leaves the meeting, 5:37 pm and Lorenzo Dominguez has just arrived. It is established there is still a quorum and the meeting continues.

- C. **\*VOTE** – Approval of September (9/26) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Miranda Mascarenas to approve the meeting as presented and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center - Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- II. **\*VOTE** – Consent Agenda:  
Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass.

Matt Pahl Arrives, 5:39pm

Amber Romero leaves the meeting 5:54 pm, it is determined there is still a quorum, therefore the meeting continues.

Motion made by Sammi Triolo to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Ruth Center Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0.

- III. Public Forum: Myrrhine Faller, Speech Pathologist at TTCS, concerned about only FMLA being offered to new mothers which is 12 weeks of unpaid leave. Grateful not to lose job during this time, but concerned about lack of income during this time. She talked to other employees who were also surprised. She talked to the Head Administrator and has not seen any developments in 2 months. Roberta Cole, gives some background of policy. It is from 2016 and has not been updated. Wants to create a committee to update this policy. Lisa Gomez, concerned that there is not an HR department right now.

IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- A. Business Office: No updates at this time besides wrapping up the audit and looking to have the conference at the end of the month.
- B. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: ES is focusing on respect. Talking to students about respecting others and themselves. There are kindness catchers going around “catching people being kind”. Spirit week this week to bring some extra fun. New process of creating learning plans for each student. Grades 3 – 6 focusing on literacy hour which was inspired by schools visited. Teachers are preparing for the fall festival. Fifth graders have created survival games and invited the principal. Assemblies later this week to focus on respect, social media, respecting ourselves and use of technology. Joe Dan Lovato: Certain systems have not been put in place from before are now being put into place. Rolling out Yondr pouches soon. These will allow students to hold onto their phone without accessing them during the day. MidSchool Math PD happened last Friday and is going well. Ensuring teachers are going above and beyond the packaged curriculum. Looking at SEL in advisories. Tutoring sessions in advisory as well, but a need for SEL is great right now. Asking counselors to help out with this. Fall Festival is going to have a dance for the Middle School. This is also tied into the new multi layered behavior system. Not just focused on punishment, but also focusing on positiveness. Celebrating

achievements and good behavior. Trunk or Treat will also enjoy the music provided by Joe Dan Lovato.

C. Head Administrator: Chris Eide Azevedo – Recognizes the principals as outstanding educators and exceptional leaders in their own right. Wants to highlight the work of Zach Chavez and Roberta Cole, the teachers and the Governance Council to bring back the Fall Festival which is one of the traditions of TTCS that will be great to bring back. The performance framework progress relies on 2 areas: academic growth of different quartiles of students and the demonstrations of mastery which are being put under a whole new scope under the leadership of Evy Lareau. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade capstone project being the ultimate demonstration of mastery. Presentation done by Chris Eide to further explain where the students at TTCS stand in their education and compared to other schools. Looks forward to coming with a similar deck in December that will show powerful progress for the children.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Communications and engagement: Lorenzo Dominguez – speaking with Zach Chavez to discuss the upcoming Fall Festival. Ensuring that communication to the community is strong.
- Recruitment: Sammi Triolo – working on making sure they are aligned for the elections this coming month. They will be hosted in the second week of November. In November, the 2-year term for staff reps will be up and there will be an election for these positions as well.
- Equity Council: None, but does need more members for this committee.
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: Matt Pahl – putting together financials to K12 and had some discussions about financing a more permanent home for the middle school. Chris Eide – all other things are in the clear, just this last piece that is a bit of a challenge right now.
- HA Evaluation: Sammi Triolo – just one more interview for the first quarter process. Informal review will happen at the next council meeting. Rolling everything up and will talk to

Chris soon about it. Appreciates all of the board members who are participating in the Fall Festival coming this Friday.

- V. Policy 326 – Transportation (clean copy -first review). This policy is based on the SFPS policy. It is meant to ensure that the newest vehicle, the “Coyote Wagon” is covered in our policies. Zach Chavez goes over the generalities of the policy with the Governance Council.
- VI. **Adjournment of Business Meeting** –Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Lorenzo Dominguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Lorenzo Dominguez – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 6 - 0 Meeting Adjourned 6:51 pm.