

Turquoise Trail Charter School  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Members Present:** Sammi Triolo, Alejandra Rodriguez, Hannah Mazur, Victoria Schweizer, Amber Romero, Wendy Flood, Matt Pahl, Ruth Center,

**Members Not Present:**

**Also Present:** Chris Eide, Harry Phillips, Stephanie Behning, Jenn Prye, Francesca Margaritondo, Tammie Padilla, Miranda Gonzales, Rebekah Runyan, Miriam Baker, Leticia Garcia, Lorenzo Dominguez.

**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. Approval of Agenda:** Amendment proposed: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez and seconded by Victoria Schweizer to strike audit from the agenda. Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve the agenda as amended and seconded by Amber Romero. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, Matt Pahl - Aye, Ruth Center - Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, Wendy Flood - Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

**C. Approval of September Business Meeting Minutes:** One change made in Item I, C. Motion made by Amber Romero to approve the minutes as presented with one amendment and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Abstained, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, Wendy Flood – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo - Aye, Passed 7 - 0 with 1 abstained.

**II. \*VOTE - Consent Agenda:**

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board.

A. *BAR's				
BAR #	Fund Description	Type	Amount	Purpose
a. 2122-0023	31200-Public School Capital Outlay	Initial Budget	\$348,344.00	To budget initial award
b. 2122-0024	24316-USDE CRRSA ESSER II	Initial Budget	\$ 5,721.00	To budget initial award

B. Disbursements – September 2021

C. Checks over \$50,000

a) 15442 – DHE Computer Systems, LLC - \$101,125.66

D. Financial Reports

- a) Budget to Actual
- b) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance
- c) Bank Reconciliation
- d) RfR Summary
- E. Other
  - a) Purchasing Policy Acknowledgement

Finance Committee recommends approval. Motion made by Matt Pahl to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Amber Romero. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, Wendy Flood – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

**III. Public Forum:** None

**IV. Updates:**

- a. Business Office: None.
- b. Principals/Teacher Reps: Stephanie Behning: This week is focused on Halloween, Door decorating and Thankfulness assembly coming up. Harry Phillips: PT conferences during PD week, which had good attendance and Parents like knowing what is going on. Student Council started this week and are organizing and sponsoring the Halloween Dance this Friday. The academy middle school students are also invited to this dance. 3 MS students in association with the Speakers Table. First ever 2021 Climate Summit hosted by Brian Egolf. Jenn Prye: Parent teacher conferences went well for the academy: 6 out of 7 teachers had 100% attendance. These conversations do make teachers' and principals' jobs easier. First Academy Howl with student showcase for the week and Pineapple award. Also working on virtual Halloween block party and costume party. Acceleration dens are working really well in the Elementary School and in the Academy and MS, everybody is working really hard on getting the middle school math standardized. Mid School Math is having excellent outcomes. Leticia Garcia: Upper ES is noticing the teachers are stressed by the loss of SPED staff. Teachers are feeling overwhelmed and nervous about that. Miranda Gonzales: Wonderful to hear how supportive the parents of students are.
- c. Head Administrator: Chris Eide goes over his HA report. We've developed a nice relationship with Larry Chavez and are cooperating to get the Mill Levy passed as TTCS would benefit from it. Chris Eide

will continue to meet with the new Superintendent to maintain this relationship. We also want to make sure our plans work with the master plan the district has for our building. There is a bit more money at the round house and we want to get as much of it as we can for our school and children. We are working with the HOA to ensure any expansion plans will not be a surprise for them and they will be agreeable to it. We are entering our lottery season, making it earlier this year based on the data. We've lined up our efforts with the weeks that were most successful. Lottery set to open on November 29<sup>th</sup> and close on March 8<sup>th</sup> after ATC closes. We are focusing a lot on fundraising through foundations, the state and government dollars. The grant we just received, ECDC Grant, will benefit our early learning, aftercare, child care programs. We have been working to cultivate our relationships with local and national foundations. Idea pitched with the Zuckerberg Foundation and also working on a grant from the Santa Fe Foundation and the LANL Foundation and NewMOGA. We are raising funds for a High School success coordinator which would help our students have success after they leave TTCS. Shout out to the SPED department for a huge improvement. They resolved a CAP from last year and we are now meeting requirements and are on solid ground there. Our Finance Team and Business Office are doing an excellent job maintaining our finances and internal control. Our sports are doing really well as well. Coyote Chess is going well, Chris Eide gets to play Chess with about 20 kids every week in the mornings before school. First interschool chess tournament coming up.

- d. Equity Council: Victoria Schweizer speaks to this. The council continues to grow and still looking for members. Working on getting the keys from the state of what needs to be done.
- e. Marketing Committee: Hannah Mazur speaks to this. The Marketing committee met twice in October and continuing with a lot of promotion. 3 Facebook ads and focused on their effectiveness. \$1000 spent and 45000 people reached and just over 400 people clicked on the ad and garnered about 10 enrollments which paid for the ad and then some in the end. Looking at other sources of publicity. Such as sports venues for promoting the school as well. Several on the marketing team are working with a local sign maker

to create new signs up at the school entrances off of HWY 14. The podcast is back and is also a good promotional tool for the school. Sharing just this could help the school quite a bit.

- f. Recruitment and Volunteer Committee: Amber Romero speaks on this. They have not met this month and do not have any updates. Working on a meeting this week and move towards weekly meetings.
- g. GC Executive Team: Victoria Schweizer – Strategic Planning Committee: the site plan shown at the last work session has been presented to the Foundation. It is making progress. Alejandra Rodriguez – Audit: Everything is running as expected. Sammi Triolo – In the next meeting, they will be bringing in Jane Henzerling for updating the Mission and Vision. It will be all about level setting. The elections are coming up. The next meeting will have the slate set into place so the following meet has a swearing in.

**V. \*VOTE** – Holiday Lights Display (Winter Wonderland) at TTCS: Chris Eide gives an update on this. He goes over the conditions set by the board at the last meeting. He explains the risks involved and the school lawyer’s concerns. Our legal counsel says that this level of risk is unacceptably high and is not worth it to the school. Chris Eide now recommends to no longer proceed with this endeavor. As the Chair, given their inability to produce a contract nor to accommodate our request, Sammi Triolo recommends voting to decline. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to move forward and decline the holiday lights display and seconded by Matt Pahl. Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye to decline, Amber Romero – Aye to decline, Hannah Mazur – Aye to decline, Matt Pahl - Aye to decline, Ruth Center - Aye to decline, Victoria Schweizer - Aye to decline, Wendy Flood - Aye to decline, and the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye to decline. Passed 8 – 0. Declined.

**VI. \*VOTE** – Policy 104, Policies of the Governance Council (second read): The Policy is reread by the board. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve Policy 104 as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, Wendy Flood – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo - Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

**VII. — Preliminary Results of Annual Audit.**

**VIII.** Policy 105 Methods of Operations/Roles and Responsibilities (first read). The Board reviews policy 105 for the first read. Discussion: none.

**IX.** Policy 106 – Governance and Training (first read). The board reviews Policy 106. Discussion, none.

**X.** Policy 107 – Organization of Governance Council (first read). The board reviews Policy 107. Discussion.

**D. Adjournment of Business Meeting** – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Romero – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Matt Pahl - Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, Wendy Flood – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 8 – 0 . Meeting Adjourned: 6:57pm.