

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2020

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

Members Not Present: Floyd Trujillo

Non-voting Members Present: Chris Eide, Christie Berg, Harry Phillips, Miranda Gonzales, Leticia Garcia, Maya Mirabal (5:35 arrival)

Also Present: Francesca Margaritondo, Tammie Padilla, Betty Mitchell, William Zunkel (5:50pm arrival)

I. Call to Order – Open Session 5:35pm. It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.

A. Roll Call – Introductions made.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by V to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Matt. Roll Call Vote: W – Aye, R - Aye, H - Aye, M – Aye, S – Aye, Ale - Aye, Am – Aye, the secretary, V – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

II. Public Forum: None

III. *Approval of November 23rd, 2020 Minutes: Motion made by R to approve the minutes as is and seconded by S. Roll call vote: W – Aye, R – Aye, H – Aye, M – Aye, S – Aye, Ale – Aye, Am – Aye, the Secretary – V – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

IV. Recognition of Staff Representatives: Chris Eide introduces the newest additions to the board: the new staff representatives as voted by the leadership committee and the school staff. Miranda Gonzales, Leticia Garcia and Maya Mirabal.

V. *VOTE – Consent Agenda:

a) BAR's – 5 Maintenance BAR's

a) Rural education Achievement – Initial budget

b) Charter Schools – Increase

c) English Language Acquisition – Increase

d) Instructional Materials Sub-Fund-Initial budget

e) Instructional Materials Special Appropriations – Initial budget

b) Disbursements

c) Checks over 50,000*

a) Check #13844 - \$55,280.40

Maintenance BARs – new contracts and ELA software for language development. Roll over for the fiscal year. 1 check over 50,000 for the buses, due to 2 invoices being paid with one check. Some differences on an invoice were clarified because of late charged made in error – memo made. Increase on compensation and salaries dues to new hires and there will be an increase in capital outlay once the new school is started which will align with our budget projection. We are almost in line with where we should be in instructional spending. Motion made by S to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by H. Roll call vote: W – Aye, R – Aye, H – Aye, M – Aye, S A ye, Ale – Aye, Am – Aye, the secretary, V – Aye. Passed 8 - 0.

VI. *VOTE – Resolution 2020-12-14 – Change TTCS Bank. Victoria reads the resolution out loud. Motion made by Ale to approve the resolution as presented and seconded by H. Roll call vote: W – Aye, R – aye, H – Aye, M - Aye, S – Aye, Ale – Aye, Am – Aye, the secretary, V – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

VII. Updates

A. Head Administrator: Chris is now pushing a new message: Protect the Pack. This should be a guidepost for paving our way forward. He has been asking the leadership huddle and committee more questions about what kind of school are we. Trying to come to one cohesive vision of what kind of school we are. The most important thing here at the school: everybody puts the children first and foremost at all levels. He is going to continue working on the structures we are going to build and what our goals are going to be. However, this will not be without a strong acknowledgement of our traditions. We are currently having open enrollment until midnight Dec 27th during which families can get in directly, and then moving to regular lottery starting Dec 28th to March 2nd. We are continuing to strengthen our partnerships. Senator Lujan is coming to read to our Kindergarten students. We are also on the radio and the last Hypothesis has just been launched. The podcast has been downloaded 1200 times. We are attempting to keep things as local as possible for everything. He is starting fundraising work, applying for a grant with charter school growth fund and furthering other relationships. Everything is on track or completed. Lease agreement process has been started. Community and business partnerships have been initiated and expect to have many more due

to the expansion work and creative work. We are optimistic about our growth and growing our waitlist.

- B. Business Office: The members of the finance team has been very supportive and then send thanks
- C. Staff: Christie – gives more information about what went to families in need. Families were found through staff referrals. Everything was donated by staff members. The winter coat drive was very successful. Many children received a much-needed coat this year. ES is finishing up iStation testing and MAP testing and getting some good data. It is looking positive compared to what it could be considering the situation. Maya – MS is getting ready for Science fair. Students will be competing virtually at the state-wide level. Kids will have to present in google slides or video. Miranda – ES is almost finished with testing which was much easier on parents and students. We are getting to a much more comfortable place virtually. Everybody is making the most of the strange situation we find ourselves in. Leticia – 5th Grade is also mostly done with testing. It did go a lot more smoothly the second time around. Students are getting more used to the distance learning. Technology is advancing and giving extra things to do, but students also understand that technology does fail every once in a while.
- D. Secretary: Members please do your training. The goal is to have all of the training done by the third quarter. Should there be another meeting at the end of December? Decision is to resume in January.

VIII. Adjournment of Regular Session – Motion made by Ale to adjournment of regular session and seconded by . W – Aye, R – Aye, H – Aye, M – Aye, S – Aye, Ae – Aye, Am – Aye, the secretary, V – Aye. Passed 8 – 0.

Adjourned at 6:22pm