

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
December 18th, 2023

Members Present: Sammi Triolo, Alejandra Rodriguez, Victoria Schweizer, Miranda Mascarenas, Amber Maes (5:39pm arrival)

Members Not Present: Ruth Center, Matt Pahl

Also Present: Gowan Hays, Tammie Padilla, Stephanie Behning, Mary Ellen Dannenberg, Joe Dan Lovato, Roberta Cole, Viviana Ortega, Madeline Woods, Rebecca Jones (5:48 arrival)

Scribe: Francesca Margaritondo

- 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. ***VOTE** - Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
 - C. ***VOTE** – Approval of November (11/27/23) Business Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.
- II. ***VOTE** – Consent Agenda:
Amber Maes arrives, 5:39pm
Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. Finance Committee recommends a do pass. Motion made by Sammi Triolo to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.
- III. Public Forum: None
- IV. **Updates/Presentations of Reports**

- A. Business Office: Nothing to add thanks to Alejandra's thorough job. Stipends were discussed as well during the finance committee meeting.
- B. Principals/Staff Representative(s): Joe Dan Lovato: More information on the barn. Need to work on ground breaking. We got the Kids and Parks grant which will pay for travel to a state park. We will go to the Rio Grande in ABQ. Hopefully in April. We are talking about our 8th grade trip right now, looking at Denver and Elitch Gardens and Meow Wolf in Denver. Just finished IMASSA testing. Kathleen Moore did an amazing job. Working on getting more data on our different core subjects, especially science. Would like to bring back more science assessment. Our Basketball teams are doing really well. The Floyd Trujillo Award already has a handful of students on the track of being nominated. WinterFest has been moved to January. Mary Ellen Dannenberg: There were mini horses in the building. Just finished DOM all over the ES. Lots of fun to watch. We start PD with re-centering and getting ready for the second semester. Mina coming to talk to 5th graders about careers in science.
- C. Head Administrator: Lots of great feedback from the community. Attempted going to the rural hearing and the public comment were already full and the next available slots were during this meeting. Saw many charter leaders to speak in opposition of the rules. Did attend the PCSNM conference and it was a great experience. Connected with many other charter leaders and many are interested in our early childhood program. We had a PD and team building event at the Alley that was well attended. It was a great event that all of the staff enjoyed. This week, without students or teachers in the building, we got a lot of work done and will be working on goals the admin staff have created. We are also working on an evaluation system that will be collaborative and targeted. Evaluating team members helps identify what people should be evaluated on. Student achievement: December wrapped up with MOY testing for the MS. We will focus on the results at PD and ES will do MOY when they return from the break. Some students will be working on Film Prize Junior. The assemblies are going to focus on "find yourself". Melissa Martinez wrote a children's book and read it to every single

grade level. All of the students loved it. The book connects with the community and really shows them what they can do. They then wrote or created drawings of their wishes. The GC will vote on the Fire System today and it has been gone over very thoroughly. We want to start to address the stucco and the safety issues around not maintaining it. The lottery is opening on January 8th and closing on February 29th. Re-enrollment will happen in February. We are looking at PowerSchool to help organize our enrollment system. During PD we will go over expectations. Especially on collaboration between teachers. It has improved this year, but we can always get better.

D. Committees and Councils (as needed)

- Recruitment: we are having a meeting in January. Main objective is to get the email list updated.
- Equity Council: nothing to report
- Strategic Planning/Expansion: No updates.
- GC Executive Committee: first HA review cycle has happened and the second cycle is starting. Date for the midyear meeting is still out.

V. Swearing in of elected Governance Council Members: Sammi Triolo and Alejandra Rodriguez are sworn in by the GC secretary, Amber Maes. The counts were done by Executive Manager Francesca Margaritondo, Board Secretary Amber Maes, and Board Member Ruth Center.

VI. Introduction of elected Staff Representatives

- ES – Brett Barker
- MS – Madeline Woods

Stephanie Behning introduces our staff representatives and thanks them for accepting the role.

VII. ***VOTE** – Fire Alarm Proposal: Stephanie Behning defers to Gowan Hays to review the proposal with the Board. Goes over differences of the quotes. The Finance Committee recommends a do pass on the Intraworks Proposal. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the Fire Alarm proposal presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Amber Maes – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.

VIII. ***VOTE** – HA Stipend: Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the stipend as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer.

Amber Maes leaves the meeting 6:27pm

Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0.

IX. *Executive Session

Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to go into Executive Session and seconded by Miranda Mascarenas. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0. Executive Session entered at 6:31pm.

- Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2) – Limited personnel matters. Overview of Head Administrator interim review. Head Administrator Behning attending
- Closed session pursuant to NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(7) – Limited personnel matters: Threatened Litigation: Head Administrator Behning attending. 7:39pm

X. ***Adjournment of Business Meeting:** Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the business meeting and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call Vote: Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Miranda Mascarenas – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Sammi Triolo – Aye. Passed 4 – 0. Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm