

Turquoise Trail Charter School  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Members Present:** Floyd Trujillo, Victoria Schweizer, Ruth Center, William Zunkel, Alejandra Rodriguez, Hannah Mazur, Sammi Triolo

**Members Not Present:**

**Non-voting Members Present:** Ray Griffin, Harry Phillips, Chris Eide, Mariah Hamilton, Sharyn Gray, Karen Weigle, Christie Berg

**Also Present:** Francesca Margaritondo, Wendy Flood, Tammie Padilla, Toeni Tillman, JoDee Chavez, Gesina Lilaj

**Call to Order – Open Session 5:31pm.** It was determined there was a quorum. Meeting called to order.

**A. Roll Call** – Introductions made.

**I. Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Ruth Center to approve the agenda as is and seconded by William Zunkel. Roll call vote: William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

**II. Public Forum:** None

**III. \* VOTE – Approval of Minutes:**

**a. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**b. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Floyd Trujillo proposes approving both sets of minutes together. No Objections. Motion made by William Zunkel to approve both sets of minutes as is and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez -Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0. Christie Berg and JoDee Chavez arrive 5:39pm.

**IV. \* VOTE - Resolution RES-2020-05-18 – Faculty Representatives (recognition of Mariah Hamilton and Karen Weigle as Staff**

**Representatives to the Governance Council):** Floyd Trujillo explains the need for this at the moment and that it will be changing once the bylaws are changed, approved and passed. Gesina Lilaj arrives, 5:44pm. Sharyn Gray points out that the Middle School staff was not part of the choosing of candidates and should be. Floyd Trujillo proposes including a middle school rep. Proposal – change resolution to a 6-month term instead of one year and during this time establish an election process. Also add: MS staff

shall immediately appoint a staff rep who will serve for 6 months. Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve resolution with amendments and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center -Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo - Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, The Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.

- V. \* VOTE – Resolution RES-2020-05-18-B Delegate BAR approval to Finance Committee:** Floyd Trujillo explains that this is done at the end of most school years due to lack of meetings during the summer. This allows the finance committee to continue necessary budget changes that might need immediate action. This allows the finance committee to meet and approve BARs. They would then read out BARs passed to the board at their next meeting so nothing is missed. The board agrees that in these times, it would be best to continue meeting throughout the summer. Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to approve the resolution as is and seconded by Ruth Center. Roll Call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Abstains, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo -No, Hannah Mazur – Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye, Passed, 5 ayes, 1 Abstain, 1 no.
- VI. \* VOTE – CARES ACT Application – ESSER Funds:** Ray Griffin and Chris Eide explain the coming of an allocation for Title I schools from the CARES ACT to help schools adjust to the COVID–19 Emergency. The application will be submitted at the end of the month allowing the board to have input in the application and allocation of funds if they wish to do so. Motion made by Victoria Schweizer to approve the ESSER Funds allocation and seconded by William Zunkel. Roll call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center -Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez - Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.
- VII. \* VOTE – Approval of Consulting contract with Ray Griffin:** Dr. Griffin has agreed to continue to consult when needed. It will be up to the new HA, Chris Eide, to manage how much or little he will be used. Floyd Trujillo recommends strongly that this contract be approved. Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to approve the contract and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Abstain, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0, 1 abstained.

- VIII. Discussion – Budget Timeline:** Dr. Griffin explains that a lot of budget ‘redo’ will be coming up and a new company will be coming in soon. A budget meeting will be necessary very soon.
- IX. \* VOTE – Stipend Approval for New Middle School Principal:** Dr. Griffin explains that the Admin team proposes having Harry Phillips on for a few hours a week. Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to approve this stipend and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll Call Vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, the chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 7 – 0.
- X. Discussion – Union election update:** Chris Eide talks to the board about the current situation with the possible Union.
- XI. Updates:**
- a. Head Administrator:** None
  - b. Staff:** Mariah Hamilton talks about keeping up engagement with students virtually. The teachers have become very innovative using google classroom, class dojo, videos and even a virtual Field Trip. TTCS is truly building the culture of our school online. Everybody is truly helping each other out in this difficult situation. Sharyn Gray mentions that Maya Mirabal is willing to step up as interim Middle School staff rep. The Middle School is going to have a drive by promotion on Friday. They are also collecting memories from kids for some sort of presentation. Middle School is working on grades right now. Based on guidelines from PED they are not penalizing students for inability to access school online. Their baseline grade is from Term 3 and they are considering what they could do during the closure – how much work could they do, were they engaged, did they improve. Grades will not go down from the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term, but might go up. Some students actually did better with online learning. Some of their work will be published through New Mexico Works.
  - c. President:** The president and the secretary are working on policy and bylaws updates.
- XII. Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matters - NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)(2):** Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to go into Executive Session, and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Voting members, Chris Eide, Ray Griffin and Francesca Margaritondo enter Executive Session. Roll call vote: Victoria Schweizer – Aye, William Zunkel - Aye, Ruth Center - Aye,

Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur - Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo - Aye. Executive session entered at: 7:28PM. Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to exit executive session and a second by Ruth Center. Roll Call vote William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, The Chair, Floyd Trujillo - Aye. Passed 7 – 0. Exited, 7:45pm. No formal action was taken.

**XIII. Adjournment of Regular Session** - Motion made by Ruth Center to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call vote: William Zunkel – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, Hannah Mazur – Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair Floyd Trujillo - Aye. Passed 7 – 0. 7:55PM