

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
August 24th, 2020

Members Present: Alejandra Rodriguez, Ruth Center, Hannah Mazur, Victoria Schweizer, Floyd Trujillo, Sammi Triolo (arrived 6:12pm)

Members Not Present: Wendy Flood

Non-voting Members Present: Chris Eide, Mariah Hamilton, Christie Berg, Maya Mirabal, Karen Weigle, Harry Phillips, Sharyn Gray

Also Present: Francesca Margaritondo, Tammie Padilla, Betty Mitchell, Rebekah Runyan, Amber Romero

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

A. Roll Call – Introductions made.

B. Approval of Agenda: Proposal made by Floyd Trujillo to change item V from a vote to a discussion of the succession plan. Motion made by Ruth Center to approve the agenda as amended, and seconded by Hannah Mazur. Roll call vote: Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Ruth Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, The Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye, Passed 5 – 0.

II. Public Forum: None

III. *Approval of July 27th, 2020 Minutes: Motion made by Hannah Mazur to approve the minutes with 2 errors corrected and seconded by Alejandra Rodriguez. Roll Call Vote: Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Ruth Center - Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo - Aye. Passed 5 – 0.

IV. *Consent Agenda –

a. BAR's

1. 566-000-20221-0004-I = Title IV – INCREASE - \$1,373 (carryover from prior year)

2. 566-000-2021-0007-D = Pupil Transportation – DECREASE - \$15,262.00 (not using buses as much due to COVID)

b. July Disbursements and Vouchers

c. Checks over \$50,000

i. MNPSIA Risk - \$89.963.00

Alejandra Rodriguez explains the consent agenda to the board. The finance Committee recommends approving the consent agenda. Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to approve the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Victoria Schweizer. Roll Call vote: Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Ruth

Center – Aye, Victoria Schweizer - Aye, the Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 5 – 0.

V. *VOTE – Appointment of GC officers, Discussion of Succession Plan:

Floyd Trujillo proposes not rushing into a succession plan and creating a smoother transition. Hannah Mazur goes over a document she created on a process to follow for getting this done properly. A recruiting and nominating committee was created. Amber Romero arrives at 5:55pm.

VI. GC/HA Annual Goals, Discussion: Floyd Trujillo and Chris Eide go over what the strategic plan committee discussed.

VII. Updates:

- a. Head Administrator: First week of school is finished. We are all in a new place and lots of creativity is coming out of the classrooms. CYFD just gave us permission to use the gym and we are now working with about 50 students in the school. SPED EAs and teachers are teaching up to 5 students 4 days a week. We had 760 and have lost about 40 students to homeschooling. This is very common all over right now. We are on schedule to meet for the first full moon gathering of the pack. Another way to get everybody together and communicate. We've been working hard to make sure all students have devices, school supplies and food. Roberta will be going out on the bus to make sure families are getting their needs if they cannot come up to us. We were able to get school supplies down to about \$5 per student thanks to donations from so many different places including cash, gift cards and supplies. We've purchased Adobe Connect and a small group of teachers are going to start rolling it out with the rest of the staff. Teachers will have the choice between Adobe Connect and Google Meets. For parents leaning towards homeschooling: 4 minimal things to maintain spot – 1, attendance is taken; 2, our curriculum must be the baseline curriculum they are using; 3, all assessments must be agreed to; 4, if a student is falling behind, they must be available for office hours.
- b. Business Office: First Audit Committee meeting happened last week. The First major payroll has happened and went smoothly. Betty Mitchell from k12 accounting is now on the TTCS finance team. Sammi Triolo arrives 6:12pm
- c. Staff: Christie Berg – Reiterates the wonderful banding of staff to support our students. Many solutions are being created to support

our students. A couple of teachers are being innovative in wanting to do small groups with in person kids. Plans are being created, and safety and regulations are being taken into consideration.

Karen Weigle – Spanish classes started this week and students are very excited and eager to learn. The Staff is there for them all.

Mariah Hamilton – The first week was a challenge. However, we are adapting and finding fun and creative ways to engage the students.

Sharyn Gray – We are going to get some teachers together to do some things with middle school. We've had a bit of a drop in middle school with several going to homeschool. Electives have been selected. Kids are showing up. Kuddos to the kids to really stepping up as well, they have great initiative. The middle school schedule is intentionally made to *not* have students sitting in front of a screen for the entire day. It only took one week to get most of our kids engaged.

Maya Mirabal – The biggest thing is kids are showing up and asking questions. This is exactly what we want: they ask the teachers the questions and show independence and ask for guidance from the teachers. We don't let them fail, but we get them to step up to the plate on of their own accord.

Harry Phillips – A lot of people of stepped up as a community.

Question – How are we making sure students are actively engaged?

We have a spreadsheet into which teachers are tracking students who are MIA and admin is calling these families to see why. Roberta Cole is also following up to see what else they might need and our Counselor, Shelby Silapasvang is checking if they have socio-emotional needs. A relentless outreach towards students and families to make sure they know what they are supposed to do and find what they might need.

Christie Berg – everybody is doing everything we can to make sure every single student is getting what they need.

Question – are there still students without computing devices? How are you getting them these devices?

We've narrowed it down to a handful. Roberta Cole is going to go out in the buses to get the devices to the kids. If this doesn't work we will even go to their houses if we have to.

About cameras – some students are afraid of what others might see if their camera is on. Also, some parents do not want the cameras on. We feel it is more equitable to not force them to keep the cameras on.

President: the strategic committee is working on goals. Also with the volunteer and recruitment committee working on plans for succession and will have a plan at the next meeting. There is an expansion plan that will be brought to the GC at the next work or business session. The finance committee meeting needs to be on September 17th. All the feedback from parents and staff is very positive. Please let the council know

Adjournment of Regular Session – Motion made by Alejandra Rodriguez to adjourn the regular session and seconded by Ruth Center. Hannah Mazur – Aye, Alejandra Rodriguez – Aye, Ruth Center - Aye, Victoria Schweizer – Aye, Sammi Triolo – Aye, The Chair, Floyd Trujillo – Aye. Passed 6 – 0. 6:34pm