

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2017

Members Present: Floyd Trujillo, Kevin Stack, Isabelle Sandoval, Sammi Triolo and Stephanie Slone.

Members Not Present: George Wallace and Kenney Valdez

Non-voting Members Present: Jenny Crysler, Jill Miyagawa and Ray Griffin

Also Present: Francesca Margaritondo, Sonya Solock, Charles Rothschild, Mel Martino, JoDee Chavez, Jennie Farquhar, Mira Burack, Deborah Busemeyer, Cheryl Jurewich and Martin Dryden

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session** 5:33 p.m. It was determined there was a quorum. Floyd Trujillo calls the meeting to order.
 - A. **Roll Call** – Introductions made.
 - B. ***Approval of Agenda** - Floyd suggests striking 'Maintenance Policy' from original agenda. A motion was made by Sammi Triolo and seconded by Kevin Stack to approve the agenda with amendment. The motion passed 4 - 0.

II. Approval of minutes

- A. May 4th: May changed to June in Item III, 3rd line.
- B. May 11th: No changes needed

Motion to approve both minutes with amendment made by Sammi Triolo, second by Isabelle Sandoval. Passed 4 - 0.

- III. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve consent agenda made by Kevin Stack, Seconded by Floyd Trujillo. Passed 4 – 0

IV. Public Forum – General: 2 presenters in Public Forum:

Char Rothschild: Completing process of applying for an FAEA grant. This grant funds the majority of music programs in TTCS, and must be submitted once a year. Needs approval and signature from Governance Council President.

Martin Dryden: Addresses non-academic activities that hold children's attention. These could help with social development and creativity as well as being part of the 'after the bell learning'. Suggests a PR committee to get out in front of the media. Encourages the Board to find a way to get positive press out there.

Deborah Busemeyer: Communication can be really helpful. Parents may not be aware of budgets cuts being considered.

Cheryl Jurewich: Wants board to come out more and talk to the staff and community.

V. Budget Presentation: Finance Committee recommends approval. There are a few changes from the last meeting. No emergency reserves means that during the school year if there are changes, the GC will have to meet and discuss solutions.

VI. Public Forum – Budget – Jill Miyagawa reads several comments from staff members.

Deborah Busemeyer: Wants more clarification on what's actually being cut. She would like more cuts to happen in Administration.

Martin Dryden: Parent member on the audit committee. Did enrollment cap change go through? Will any new revenue go into replacing cuts?

Cheryl Jurewich: Will classes be split if maximum leave is reached during a month. Asking Board to please consider what this means in reality for the children.

Jennie Farquhar: Worries teachers are having to take on more and more. Will have to give hours of training to help cover the loss of her day.

Deborah Busemeyer: Nurse is always very busy. How will the school manage without her on the day she is gone?

Answers: Floyd: grants have always been welcomed, but can be difficult because they require a grant writer. Enrollment cap projection is the same as this year 463, if more students come in, budget will improve. New limit proposed is 490, in process with PED. Positions would be restored if more students come in. If budget improves, positions will be restored first.

Stephanie Slone: Would like more examples of how Board can be more involved.
- They could visit classrooms more often, ask teachers how things are.

Isabelle Sandoval: please clarify PE position change.

VII. *Vote on 2017/2018 Budget – Motion to approve as presented made by Floyd Trujillo and seconded by Stephanie Slone.

Discussion: The GC did look into sharing administration positions with other charter schools. Food moneys were transferred to this budget, but if more is lost it will have to come from somewhere else.

Direct services to students must be supported at all costs. Administration indirectly serves students, by supporting the school. Isabelle questions secretarial costs. After close scrutiny there are no admin cuts that can be made without negatively impacting the school. Finance Committee and Board President support the proposed budget. Roll Call vote for Budget as presented: Sammi Triolo - abstains, Kevin Stack - Yes, Floyd Trujillo - Yes, Isabelle Sandoval- No, Stephanie Slone - Yes = passed.

If the Board decides to fundraise to reinstate cut positions, that is a possibility.

VIII. GC meetings/Retreat Planning: Next Meeting is June 1st. two retreats proposed – 2 half days. Saturday in June, the 17th? Discussion on replication efforts will take some time. Strategic plan will be ready to present at this retreat. Yes to June 17th. One full day or 2 half days? Full day agreed upon. June 17th 9am till 4pm with a timed agenda and working lunch.

IX. Updates:

- a. Head Administrator:** All positions filled by May 18th. Enrollment strong, registration underway. There is no guarantee there will be Pre K next year; response from PED is overdue. K-3 plus approved with a slight cut. Bus fund is in 4 or 5 buses to be determined. Title I application due June 2nd.
- b. Business Manager:** BARS and Budget approved. Data will be submitted on time. Collection is being pushed hard and is fairly successful. Food policy needs to be on agenda of next meeting. Policy must be in place by July 1st.

- c. Staff:** \$3000 dollar donation for NDI needs to be looked at.
Donation will be allocated to NDI. Exit interview:– will be a form to fill out, not an actual interview.
- d. President:** We are set to complete work with replication.
Anticipates having a proposal at the retreat. Enrollment Cap and test name change proposals have been submitted to PED. Request by Isabelle for more statistics.

X. Motion made by Stephanie Slone to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Stack, passed 5 - 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM