

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 16th, 2017

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

Members Not Present: George Wallace and Kenney Valdez

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

Also Present: Mira Burack

I. Call to Order – Open Session 5:35 p.m. It was determined there was a quorum. Floyd Trujillo calls the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call – Introduction of those present

B. *Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Sammi Triolo and seconded by Stephanie Slone to approve the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

II. Approval of minutes

A. December: Slight adjustment on page 2 of Floyd’s comments

B. January: No changes needed.

C. February Special: Jill Miyagawa was not present

For future minutes, have 4 sections of people: Members present, Members Not Present, Non Voting Member Present, Also Present.

Motion to approve all three minutes made by Stephanie Slone, second by Isabell Sandoval. Passed 5-0.

III. Public Forum: None

IV. Consent Agenda

a. January Disbursements

b. January BAR’s

c. February Disbursements

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Kevin Stack, Seconded by Floyd Trujillo, passed 5-0

V. * Vote on Transportation BAR: Because bus routes were not reduced, TTCS needs to pay a certain amount out of operational funds that was sent to legislature. Motion to approve made by Stephanie Slone, seconded by Kevin Stack. Passed 5-0

VI. * Vote on Merit Pay Proposal: Language that non-returning teachers would only receive 75% of their merit pay award was added to previous draft. Approval recommended by Dr Griffin. Motion to approve made by Stephanie Slone, seconded by Isabell Sandoval. Passed 5-0

VII. Updates:

- a. Head Administrator:
 - i. Budget development is in progress.
 - ii. The lottery numbers have improved which will be good for next year. We will try to push to 475. There may be a request to increase enrollment cap sometime in the future.
 - iii. Bus meeting with about 70 parents had good feedback about increasing class sizes by a few students. No classes will go over 27 students.
 - iv. Pre K proposal goes in on March 17th for the same program as this year. Corrective action plan turned in and accepted by PED.
 - v. The annual Charter School Compliance Audit just occurred. Program is being changed for the remainder of the year for bilingual. Waiting on letter with details on what needs to be corrected according to this audit.
 - vi. Parents of students benefitting by the program should pay for NDI instead of the school.
 - vii. We will be looking at what to do with children whose meal & aftercare bills are not being paid. USDA requires we have a policy in place by July about how 'bad debt' is handled.
 - viii. TFA (Teach For America): TFA will help us look for qualified, possibly level 2 candidates to fill positions in the school. Cost of this is \$3000 per teacher per year for 2 years. Floyd said he has heard very positive recommendations for this program.

- b. Business manager: We need to make sure we have a budget that is balanced. Recommendation to the finance committee is that \$300,000 cash reserve is as low as we can go. \$95,000 of budget cuts need to be found through program cuts or allocations from other funds.
- c. K-3 Plus application has been submitted. Sharyn Gray will be principal for this program.
- d. Staff: We are now signing students up for the K-3 plus program. Only open to TTCS students. Any students below grade level are “required” to go to K-3 Plus. Third round of conferences is March 17th. After Spring break will be testing season with PARCC. Talent Show day is March 30th. April 27th is culture fair, during the school day instead of in the evening. Working on revising bilingual.
- e. Council President: Researching options for replication of Charter Schools, by some interested groups. Floyd and Ray have continued with this and there is now more traction and interest. We might get some support for the 7-8 in this. NM Schools for Excellence is looking at what they can do to support and replicate excellent charter schools. At April 6th work session; Floyd would like focus to be on items from the retreat.

Motion made by Floyd Trujillo to move to go to Executive session, seconded by Kevin Stack, passed 5-0

VIII. Executive Session – Limited Personnel Matters – Head Administrator Evaluation (NMSA 1978, s 10-15-1 (H)(2)): Executive started at 7:14PM and ended at 8:27PM.

IX. Adjournment of regular session – Motion made by Kevin Stack to Adjourn regular session and seconded by Sammi Triolo. Passed 5-0. 8:28PM