

Turquoise Trail Charter School
Governance Council Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

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

Also Present: Dr. Ray Griffin, Phillip Robinson, Harry Phillips and Art Burger

- I. **Call to Order – Open Session 5:32 p.m.** It was determined there was a quorum. Floyd Trujillo calls the meeting to order.
 - B. ***Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Sammie Triolo and seconded by Stephanie Slone to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed.

- II. ***Approval of January Minutes** – A motion was made by Stephanie Slone and seconded by Kenney Valdez to approve the January minutes. The motion passed.

- III. **Public Forum** – None.

- IV. ***Consent Agenda** – A motion was made by Kevin Stack and seconded by Sammi Triolo to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

- V. **7/8 Committee Update** – Stephanie Slone provides an update. She said the committee needs some guidance from Governance Council on where to focus their energy.

- VI. **Facilities Presentation** – Art Burger briefly discusses his background and experience with property purchase for Desert Academy. Discusses options for expanding to 7/8 school. Provides handouts and discusses same. Floyd discusses status of replication and states that he does not see if moving forward for a few years. He will draft resolution providing guidance to 7/8 Committee.

- VII. ***Amendment to Attendance Policy** – Tabled until next month.

VIII. PARCC Testing Discussion – Floyd Trujillo states that he and Dr. Griffin met with PED last Thursday. They were told that there is no opt-out option for the PARCC test. Less than 95% participation could impact funding. Floyd will draft a resolution that will be discussed at work session next month.

IX. Board Discussion – Tabled until next month.

X. Presentation of Reports

A. Principal's Report – Dr. Griffin discusses staffing. He discusses need for policy revisions for Special Ed. The proposed school calendar needs to be voted on. There will be a summer school program this year. The budget process has started.

B. Budget Finance – Phillip states that he was notified that there would be cuts from Pre-K and Title I funding. There will be an increase in Title II funding. The audit report was issued in January. There were minor findings..

C. Staff Report - Harry Phillips discusses group teaching and testing. Observations are underway by Dr. Griffin. Teachers are showcasing warmups. They are challenging teachers to try something new.

D. President's Report – Floyd summarizes legislative session and impact on TTCS. The bill regarding funding for Charter School transportation was killed in committee but funding was included in budget bill. Attorneys are looking into legality of same. Funding was approved for teacher bonuses. Raises were approved for Level III teachers. There was more funding for summer school. There was an increase for expenses but not a match in funding.

XI. Adjournment of Meeting - A motion was made by Stephanie Slone and seconded by Sammi Triolo to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.