

MINUTES – January 26, 2015 - TRCS Board of Directors Meeting

Mission Statement: We will support each student's continuing discovery and development of self and community by providing a learning environment that is relevant, active and project oriented. All aspects of the student's experience at Two Rivers Community School will enhance his/her natural learning power.

Members Present: Lynnwood Brown, Harrison Sterne, David Rizer, Shari Williamson, Bryan Martin, Lindsay Carroll, Vachel Miller, Sallie Arnold, Stephanie Troutman

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order by Shari at 5:42 p.m.
- Quorum established with 5 voting members present at call to order

MISSION STATEMENT

- Mission statement read by Lynnwood

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2015 BOD MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Harrison moved to approve tonight's meeting agenda (*attached to these minutes as Exhibit A*); Lynnwood seconded – PASSED by consent

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 24, 2014 BOD MEETING MINUTES

- Pamela's last name is spelled "DeBord"

ACTION: Lynnwood moved to approve November 24, 2014 minutes with above change; seconded by Vachel – PASSED by consent

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comment

GOVERNANCE POLICIES

- GP-5; EL-5; EL-6
 - Read by Sallie, Harrison
 - Discussion had on the meaning of certain governance policies and where we need to keep an eye for compliance purposes
 - We need to look at the \$10,000 limit as it relates to our other current policies

ACTION: Lynnwood moved to re-commit to the above governance policies; seconded by Harrison – PASSED by consent

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- Chairs
 - Goals established last summer were reviewed so that committee chairs can determine where re-emphasis is needed
- Treasurer
 - Finance Presentation (*attached to these minutes as Exhibit B*)
 - Budget Transfers – Request for Authorization (*attached to these minutes as Exhibit C*)
 - Revenue down from local sources as a result of lower enrollment – local (counties) revenue is adjusted throughout the year, not just first 20 days
 - We wanted to be at 190 enrollment, started at 186, now down to 176
 - On top of this, there is a lot of competition for funds
 - Discussion on how to earmark Legacy funds – options include architect, teacher salary, fundraiser position, instructional computers
 - Request of board revised from *Exhibit C* – remove Hospitalization and State Retirement, until we know exactly what those numbers will be
 - \$25,302 is the new budget transfer request

ACTION: Harrison moved to approve the Budget Transfers in Exhibit C with modification to \$25,302; seconded by Lynnwood – PASSED by consent

- Current recommendation from board is to include \$18,000 in architecture fees in Legacy disbursement, but we will revisit and decide at next meeting
- Sallie suggested that we may want to re-visit our policy that we close enrollment after 20 days – this could help with revenue issues
 - Lynnwood recalls that one past concern with doing this is the disruption caused to class by mid-term enrollee, but it was discussed by some that this disruption can be a good thing as long as it isn't too late in the year
 - We need to review what the rules are governing this kind of change
 - We asked David to look into this possibility, and what DPI has to say and get faculty input
- Director's Report (*attached to these minutes as Exhibit D*)
 - We asked EL to re-consider the monetary demand, but they said no
 - They said we can use softer language, like “founded on EL principals,” even if we are not a “member”
 - Lynnwood suggests that we need something in writing from them confirming this – David said he would look into getting that
 - David spoke with Changemaker Schools, a network of schools connected through Ashoka nonprofit
 - We could join – David suggests this would be a very good thing
 - They are tied in with all the national media and they promote the good things schools do
 - They provide small amounts of funding for attending conferences
 - What they do aligns with our school mission
 - David will be pushing to incorporate this into the plan with Doc Kline
 - It is free
 - Update on the group work with Doc Kline
 - Proceeding with the school mission as our guiding star, then creating a vision under the mission that provides more focus and organizes our philosophy (David sees Changemaker fitting in here)
 - Then they will identify a few, manageable action areas
 - It has been decided that we should not pursue EL membership
 - Board would like to have these focused ideas (not necessarily action areas) from Doc Kline/group by February meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Policy Committee
 - Background policy was complete by committee and will be put on Board wiki –

- Board should review for approval at February meeting
- David, Hannah and Harrison have been working on 400 series and need to sit with policy committee on recommended changes
- Enrollment policy is more urgent
- HR Committee
 - In communication with Watauga concerning salaries so that we can continue towards our goal of being on par with teacher pay
- New School Committee
 - Lawrence Group proposal (*attached to these minutes as Exhibit E*)
 - Committee is asking Board to approve up to \$40,000
 - Proposal will need to be converted into a contract

ACTION: Vachel moved to authorize the Executive Committee to finalize a contract with the Lawrence Group for up to \$40,000; seconded by Stephanie – PASSED by consent

- David proposed May 12th and 14th for the community meetings, still to be confirmed
- Development Committee
- Technology Committee

DECISIONS AND APPROVALS

ACTION: Vachel moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Stephanie – PASSED by consent

- January 26, 2015 TRCS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.