

**MINUTES - August 10 2020 - TRCS Board of Directors Meeting  
Regular Monthly Meeting - Virtual meeting over Zoom**

**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 their natural learning power.

**Members Present:** April Flanders, Paul Fox, Laura Fonseca, Rose Mary Webb, Melissa Thomas, Kristine Martin

Virtually present: all

**Non-Voting Members Present:** Austin Pack, Vicki Kruger, Natalie Oranski (Director)

**Members Not Present:**

**Guests:** Kim Jolly, Mary Crass, Garret Alexandra McDowell, Rachel Wood, Adam Berk, Carole Greene, Candice Cook, Kelly Snider, Nysie Hurst, Bill Ireland

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting called to order by Rose Mary at 5:33pm
- Quorum established with 5 voting members present at the call to order

**MISSION STATEMENT**

- Reading of the Mission statement by Paul Fox

**ACTION: April Flanders motions to approve agenda for tonight (Paul Fox seconded) - MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**ACTION: Paul Fox motions to approve minutes from last meeting (April Flanders) - MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**Conflicts of Interest**

- none brought forward

**Guest Comments:**

- Vicki Kruger - spoke about disengagement and sadness from kindergarteners, mixed feelings about returning to in-person school because of personal health but strong desire to work with kinders and do whatever is needed
- Garrett Alexandra McDowell - spoke about desire for in-person instruction conflicting with nervousness about health and safety
- Kelly Snider - spoke about concern and anxiety regarding community spread of coronavirus and impact of school outbreak, also concerned about effects of changing plan at last minute to go virtual

Introduction of other guests:

- Rachel Wood, Adam Berk, Mary Beth, Carole Greene, Candice Cook, Kim Jolly

**Committee, Executive and Director Reports:**

Chair Reports - n/a

Vice Chair Reports - n/a

Secretary Report - n/a

Treasurer Report

- April spoke with landlord and he is keeping rent the same instead of raising it

Director's Report

- Reviewed enrollment projections
- Went over health and safety measures (storing items at Spangler and VFW)
- Signage/arrows painting underway by a volunteer
- Isolation room almost ready
- Distance learning - contracted with someone to help get all chromebooks ready
- Reviewed how budgeted Covid money have been spent so far
- Contracts: Buffalo Cove, ASU Psych Clinic, OT,
- Student fees - change to \$15 tech fee only (may prorate fee in Spring if we have in person school)

**ACTION: Paul Fox moves to approve \$5000 contract (max of 10 evaluations at \$500 each) for this school year (April Flanders seconded) - MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

**ACTION: Kristine Martin moves to set aside all student fees except for \$15 technology fee for students who check out a Chromebook or iPad (Melissa Thomas seconded) - MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

Director's Report Continued

- Went over pros and cons of in person vs virtual learning
- Discussed likelihood of changing to 100% virtual within several weeks, usefulness of using first few weeks of school to establish in-person routines

- Discussed procedures for going remote if a student tested positive
- If fully remote, would we still do field day type things or Buffalo Cove? (no, because we are in plan B as a state)
- Adam shared info about MN's formula and plan for determining in person, remote, or hybrid school based on cases in county

**ACTION: Tara motions to move to 100% virtual instruction for the first 6 weeks of school with a re-evaluation in 6 weeks (Melissa Thomas seconded) - MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**ACTION: Tara motions to move to 100% virtual instruction for the first 6 weeks of school and re-evaluate at a later date, to be determined (April Flanders seconded) - MOTION CARRIES 5-0**

**ACTION: April Flanders motions to meet as a board on Sept 14th to decide about continuing with plan C or shift into another plan (Kristine Martin seconded) - MOTION CARRIES 5-0**

Discussed Buffalo Cove 20 day contract - we want to continue having 20 days but may not be able to due to being remote. He does not need to preserve days for us but we would take what is available when and if we return to in person school. Will formalize plans in 2 weeks with a flexible contract.

NC DPI has offered option to take last semester's EOG tests when we return back to school in person.

**ACTION: April Flanders motions to opt out of optional Fall semester EOG testing into another plan (Kristine Martin seconded) - MOTION CARRIES 5-0**

#### ADJOURN

- April Flanders moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded Paul Fox – PASSED by consent
  - June 29th 2020 TRCS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:51pm
  - Moved to Executive Session

**Next regular meeting: August 24th**