

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2017

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Steve Cerkenik at 5:34 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Steve Cerkenik, Phil Jemielita, Cassandra Lafleur, Angela Davis-Drew, Tim Becken, Rich Holst.

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Cliff Skagen, Director of Teaching and Learning/Principal; Nathan Schultz, community member; Amanda Ruskin, TCA teacher; Erin Spector, TCA staff taking minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 28 board minutes by Holst, second by Jemielita.
Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Holst, second by Jemielita. Discussion: none.
Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Nate Schultz provided public comments. Mr. Cerkenik requested a written copy of the document Mr. Schultz read from for the board to further review.

OLD BUSINESS

Lueth updated RKMC status that we should hear back later this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of reading assignment given at last board meeting. Lueth defined terminology for strategic planning, and further discussed details of TCA's plan for Equity Leadership group and mentioned Dr. Hays and her work with focus groups. Cerkenik asked if Dr. Hays will attend a board meeting in the future. Further discussion about equity, equality, & compensatory aid. Lueth described 5 year plan and noted that the goals of the 5 year plan were approved at the last board meeting. There was discussion by Cerkenik at November Board Meeting clarifying the inclusion of the words rigor and readiness being included as part of the vision of TCA.

Cerkenik asked specific questions about number of ODR's this year compared to last year. Lueth provided numbers and noted that numbers are down.

Lueth described outside involvement in community and building partnerships in the future.

A motion was made by Becken to keep definitions visible and open for reference and making

the strategic plan a “living document” and second by Holst. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve strategic plan by Jemielita, second by Davis-Drew. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials are doing fine, meeting budget and enrollment is above budget.

A motion to revise June financials was made by Holst, second by Davis Drew. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the September financials was made by Davis Drew, second by Becken. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Committee Reports

Facilities

No report

Governance/Policy and Leadership Development

Cerkvenik mentioned that all mandatory policies be on file and up to date.

Marketing

No report

Executive Director

Enrollment update: 634 students currently. Our goal is 640 to have a “cushion” for attrition throughout the year. ED went on to explain and give details of budget contingency plan.

Teacher

Ms Lafleur gave a brief mention of things going well so far in the first quarter of school.

Director of Student Learning/Principal

Skagen described strategic plan in detail and went over goals listed on handout. Discussion regarding growth rate, PLC, college readiness and 2% goal continued.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Jemielita at 6:48 p.m. and second by Lafleur. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Spector