

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Steve Cerkvnik, Rich Holst, Alexandra Howes, Tim Becken, Phil Jemielita, Cassandra Lafleur.

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Cliff Skagen, Principal; Dr. Cyndie Hays, Equity Consultant; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary; Tom Eckstein, Chair of the Board, TCAABC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the revised December board minutes by Holst, second by Howes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public member, Tom Eckstein, stated he is at meeting to observe as the chair of the TCAABC board of directors.

ACTION ITEMS

-Treasurer's Report - Overall good financials report. Brief discussion ensued. Motion to accept December financials made by Becken, second by Holst. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

-Lueth introduced Skagen to go over Strategic Plan update. Skagen proceeded to update board. Skagen provided the board with a written summary of activities to date.

-Lueth gave update about parent/teacher conferences and that fall participation was 82%. 80% is goal.

NEW BUSINESS

-Lueth introduced Dr. Cyndie Hays and the work she has done with staff so far this year. Equity Presentation by Dr. Hays, Equity Consultant, continued. Conversation, small group activities and large group discussion ensued.

REPORTS

- **Committee Reports**

- Governance Report** - Cerkvnik reported working on board election and getting candidates to apply.

- **Principal/Executive Director Report**

- Benefits Comparison Information** - Lueth mentioned that former teacher, Mr. Nate Schultz, had recently organized a meeting with several current teachers and Education Minnesota. Lueth proceeded to brief the board on benefits similarities and differences between TCGIS, an existing charter with a teacher's union and TCA's current benefits. Cerkvnik mentioned that the board doesn't have an opinion about a union. "It's up to the teachers", Cerkvnik stated.

- Enrollment Update**- The number of applications is on track compared to the numbers last year at this time. Lueth told of enrollment being on par at 630. Applications for enrollment of 2018-2019 are on par with last year.

- **Teacher Report**

- Howes reported on the ACT boot camp to be offered this year in reading and math for all 11th graders.

- Lafleur reported on the first time our French students will have the opportunity to take the national French exam for middle schoolers next month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Holst at 7:15 p.m. and second by Becken. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Spector