

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY

Board Meeting Thursday, February 28, 2019

5:30 p.m.

We serve a diverse student body to succeed in a rigorous college preparatory program. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills to achieve in college, to contribute positively to society, and to be accepting of all people.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm by Rich Holst.

Attendance

Members present: Elizabeth Neilson, Shannon Hady (via phone), Tim Becken, and Rich Holst.

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Jose Meza-Ortiz, Current TCA Student; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary.

Reading of Mission & Vision

Read by Holst

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February 7, 2019 minutes made by Neilson, second by Becken. Motion to approve the February 15, 2019 minutes made by Becken, second by Neilson. Both motions passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve agenda made by Neilson, second by Becken. Motion passed.

Public Comments (each member of the public has 5 minutes to speak)

Jose Meza-Ortiz, student body representative, asks for ACT prep in school to be reviewed with Admin. The class would be better to occur first semester instead of second semester.

Action Items

- 2019-2020 Calendar Review & Vote - Review details of next year's calendar. Discussion ensues about length of day and number of school days in year. Discussion about possible online school on winter weather days. More discussion

and research needed in future to see if worthwhile. Motion to accept 2019-2020 calendar made by Neilson, second by Becken. Motion approved.

New Business

None

Old Business

- New board member recruitment - The board has agreed that additional board members that represent legal or marketing backgrounds would be valuable to the school board. Becken indicated he would contact the Minnesota Bar Association to see about possible community board candidates for the future.

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Governance - Lueth discusses that she and Howes reviewed Bylaws. They gave a summary of proposed changes to TCA attorney. Red-lined draft will be available at the next school board meeting.
 - Finance -Lueth explains January financial report details and gives numbers regarding enrollment. Motion to accept January financials made by Becken, second by Neilson.
 - Discipline Policy - Neilson reviews new form of suspension forms. We will reprint statute with citation. Motion to accept new suspension for to Discipline Policy made by Neilson, second by Becken.
 - PIP - Lueth reviewed cultural day details with board regarding honoring Black History Month and included multi-cultural diversity. Lueth also provided some details about the upcoming March 12th event details with board.
- Director Report - Lottery occurred earlier today at 4:30 pm at TCA. Enrollment application numbers were strong. We were able to accept all 9th and 10th grade applicants. We have wait lists for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
- Teachers - Cultural day was a hit. Students asked that it be longer next years. Neilson adds that she will add a staff advisory board summary for TCA board members. Per Neilson, teacher morale is good regarding school year.

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm by Becken, Hady seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.