

Board Meeting (Feb postponed) Tuesday, March 1, 2022 5:00 pm

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, and to be accepting of all people.

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Rich Holst at 5:10 pm

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Holst

Attendance

- Members present: Rich Holst, Andrew Ng (arrived at 5:09), Lisa Dennis, Erin Enquist
- Members absent: Doris Espelien, Ofir Germanic, Tim Becken
- Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Brenda Reedy, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ng, second by Dennis to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes. Discussion: None; Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dennis; second by Ng to approve the March 1 agenda with a correction of the date from February 22, 2021 to March 1, 2022. Discussion: None; Motion carried.

Public Comments

No public comments

Action Items

Enrollment Seats 2022-2023

A motion to approve the Enrollment Seats for the 22-23 SY as follows: 6th—85; 7th—110; 8th—110; 9th—135 (change from 110); 10th—110; 11th—60; 12th—50, with the 9th grade number increased to 135 was made by Ng; second by Dennis.

Discussion: Lueth mentioned that due to the postponed board meeting in February, the enrollment lottery had to be held by February 28th. She noted that it was decided to accept all applications for 6-10th grades with 11-12th grade up for discussion. Lueth mentioned that TCA is gravitating from a Middle School heavy to a High School heavy entity, however, we are still staffed for a heavy MS enrollment. That may have to change. A note was made that we are gaining several students from Academia Cesar Chavez. Discussion about distance learning for next year and its effects on enrollment, Lueth stated no distance learning will occur next school year. Enquist expressed concern about the extreme change of possibly increasing a larger 9th and 10th grade for SY22-23. A

question was posed about whether to waitlist other incoming 9th grade applications or to inflate the 9th grade numbers. Ng interjected that many charter schools set the numbers and change in August to retain the transparency that is desire to eliminate issues. Enquist express concern about overinflating class numbers in some classes and others being very very small.

2022-2023 School Calendar

A motion was made by Dennis; second by Enquist to approve the draft School calendar for SY22-23 with 174 instructional days. Motion passed.

Discussion: Enquist brought up that there are some teachers that would like the conference prep day in January moved from the 31st to the 23rd. Lueth said she would put out a poll to staff inquiring if this was desired by a larger group and go from there. Dennis inquired about why school is going until June 14 which is typically later than usual. Lueth said it's due to a full 2 week Winter Break and the need to ensure we get 174 instructional days in for students. Our calendar is in line with the SPPS with the exception of January 2, SPPS is off that day, TCA is not, it was decided to take a full day on November 23 instead.

January Financials

A motion was made by Ng; second by Enquist to accept the January Financials. Discussion: None; Motion passed

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Reports

Committees:

Finance

- Governance
- Will meet Saturday, March 4 from 9-11 and will continue on Strategic Planning.

None

IRT

• The board is giving the IRT option to make masking decisions. The CDC has a dashboard online that they will be using to make determinations. It has green (mask optional), yellow (mask optional) and red (mask required for all) levels. Discussion ensued about what data is being monitored, why this is being done and other items related to masking. A motion was made by Dennis and second by Enquist to authorize IRT to approve any mask policies per the CDC guidelines. Motion carried.

Director

 Lueth gave an enrollment update that TCA is currently at 493 students currently. She also mentioned TCA was invited to present at UST Dean's Conference on TCA's racial equity and inclusion work. Both students and staff will represent TCA. The website has undergone some changes, both home and mobile updated. It works much better with the mobile app, much improved.

Board Members

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