



**Tuesday November 23, 2021  
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 5:05 pm

### **Reading of Mission and Vision**

Read by Holst

### **Attendance**

- Members present: Rich Holst, Andrew Ng, Ofir Germanic, Tim Becken, Lisa Dennis,
- Members absent: Doris Espelien, Erin Enquist, Jocelyn Bowden
- Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Dave Hartman, UST Liaison; Faith Terry, Current TCA parent; Brenda Reedy, Recording Secretary

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of November 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes with addendum adding Dennis as the 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Germanic as a second for the approval of the Annual Report was motioned by Ng, second by Dennis.

Discussion: None; Motion passed.

### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Becken; second by Germanic to approve the November 23 Agenda.

Discussion: None; Motion carried.

### **Public Comments (Faith Terry-parent; Dave Hartman-UST)**

Faith Terry, parent of a current student at TCA was given her 3 minutes to speak. She said there appears to be an issue with the Community Coaches remediating a student issue between her child and another. She expressed the need for someone to handle the situation or suggested she was willing to enact legal means to resolve the issue. Ms Terry claimed she reached out to the Principal several times with the most recent call and message being 11/23/21 but has yet to receive a response from the Principal. She said the interaction she's had with the Community Coaches has been vague with the details with no clear, direct answers. Her offers to meet with other students parent/s has not happened. Holst apologized to her and ensured that he hears her and that both he and Lueth will follow up on it and get back to her.

Dave Hartman gave a brief rundown for the new board members and people present on what UST's role/s are as an authorizer of TCA. He mentioned 2 site visits per year and attending 2 boards meetings per year to gather information on the renewal of our contract.

## **Action Items**

A motion to accept the October Financials was made by Germanic; second by Becken. Discussion: None; Motion passed.

## **New Business**

A discussion was had about the first reading of the Audit. Jenny Abbs, from BerganKDV, reviewed the draft. There is usually a combined audit but this year, due to the federal Covid funds, there was also an extra single audit added. There is a tightening up of internal controls to ensure it's systematized. Any purchase order over \$10,000 must be signed by Holst and any contracts over \$10,000 need board approval. There were no material findings which is a good thing. The auditor will be here at the December 21 board meeting, this board meeting was moved from December 28 to December 21 due to the holidays. The final version of the audit will be available when the board approves it in December.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Reports**

### **Committees:**

#### **Governance**

- Lisa Dennis gave an update on the Strategic Plan. She mentioned they are focusing on goals and objectives to updating and finalizing the plan. Preliminary draft and Final draft will be ready in January and February.

#### **Finance**

- Holst talked about the Internal Control Procedures and the importance of having a system in place for us to step back, look at our procedures, and improve where needed to ensure funds are used correctly.
- Becken gave a Revised Budget Process update that the TCA board is continually looking at the short and long term and their impacts. A federal funding overview will take place November 30, this will be a long budget day with Erin Amundson, Jenny Abbs and Betsy Lueth in attendance.

#### **IRT**

- Lueth gave an update about both band and sports events. TCA is going to continue with home fans only and requiring masking. Band is being separated into two bands to allow more participation for the band fans. Allowing of vaccinated fans with proof of vaccination or negative test results. All athletes testing weekly for those not vaccinated, it appears to be working. IRT is encouraging boosters for all, especially staff due to increasing Covid numbers. No outbreaks or school spread have been reported. 95% of the staff are vaccinated and aprx 54% of the students have been vaccinated. We'd like to see that number higher.

#### **Director**

- Lueth gave an enrollment update that TCA is currently at 490 students. We are continuing to receive applications. There has been a push for students to move out of the SPPS district and into our school. Shadow days are happening as well as the HS Showcase. Our main area of need is for current 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Becken pointed out we were at 590 a bit ago, so it's good to be aware of that. Holst said, "we can survive at 490 but it won't look the same."
- Lueth gave an update on conferences. They were well attended and it was a busy social event with a fire pit, roasted marshmallows, etc. Families seemed to be having fun. There were also activities like a gobble walk, turkey bean bag toss.

### **Board Members**

- Dennis: lots of mental health challenges and anxiety but it is seeming to be decreasing which is positive. The mental health of students seems to be improving and they are getting the supports they need.
- Becken: the board is in need of a couple more board members with more and varied experience, not just bodies. Need to look at what skill sets are missing, etc.
- Ng: Things are going all right. He gave a midterm in Quarter 1 where if the student scored a 90+ he would give the student a card with Brainiac on it. He gave out so many he revised the threshold to 95+. It was fun and engaging for the students. Racial Justice Club had their movie night, showing two movies, "Great Debaters" and "Blue Bayou". It was a success.

### **Adjourn**

5:35 pm by Holst