



**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 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 Andrew Ng (chair) at 5:04 pm

**Reading of Mission and Vision**

Read by Ng

**Attendance**

- Members present: Rich Holst (via Zoom at 5:12 pm), Andrew Ng, Lisa Dennis, Erin Enquist, Ofir Germanic
- Members absent: Doris Espelien, Tim Becken
- Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; David Hartman—UST Liaison (left at 5:52 pm); Brenda Reedy, Recording Secretary

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Germanic, second by Dennis to approve the April 26, 2022 minutes.  
Discussion: None; Roll Call vote: Motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dennis; second by Enquist to approve the May 24 agenda. Discussion: None; Roll Call vote: Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Hartman gave a brief intro of himself as the UST Liaison, which is temporary appointment thru October '22

**Action Items**

***April Financials***

A motion to accept the April Financials was made by Dennis, second by Ng.  
Discussion: Lueth noted we are under budget by approximately 2 ADMs, expect to be 478 in the revised budget enrollment. It was noted that legal expenses were up. Roll Call vote: Motion passed

***Revised Working Budget FY22***

A motion was made by Enquist; second by Germanic. Motion passed.  
Discussion: The tenure stipend was the most significant change. Lueth said we are on track to run a deficit budget. Roll Call vote: Motion passed

### ***FY23 Budget***

A motion was made by Germanic; second by Dennis to accept the FY23 Budget.

Discussion: Lueth mentioned that it's usually done in May and that it needs to be completed by June 30. There are no more expectations from Legislature in the form of extra funds. Our enrollment is 490 students for SY21-22 with 515 being the budget projected amount for SY 22-23; Roll Call vote: Motion passed

### ***Revised 2 Calendar***

A motion was made by Dennis, second by NG to approve the presented revised (5/16/22) 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

Discussion: The changes revolve around conferences. Reduce from 3 Saturday conferences to 2 during the week with the Fall being Advisories with goal setting which parents liked and the Spring being an Arena style where parents/guardians have the ability to access all teachers in front of their students. This was based on feedback from staff and parents. Staff will be given 4 PTO upfront with 2 being earned for conference attendance. Another factor was the decline in Saturday conference attendance especially in the Spring.

### ***Lunch Price Increase***

A motion was made by Holst, second by Enquist to approve the raise in lunch price to 3.50 from 3.00.

Discussion: Actual lunch cost is 3.87 so a .50 increase will get closer to the actual cost without impacting families in a big way. It will have a slight impact on families that get reduced lunches and no impact on those on free lunches. Holst inquired about the reimbursement rate for lunches and what our FRP, we are right around 65% of our student body is eligible. Roll Call vote: Motion passed.

### ***Breakfast Price Increase***

A motion was made by Holst; second by Dennis to increase breakfast prices from 1.80 to 2.00.

Discussion: Germanic asked what happens if a student doesn't qualify for free/reduced prices? The board was assured we don't turn away students with a negative balance or who don't have the funds.

### ***Procedural Changes***

#### ***10 Month Employee PTO change***

A motion was made by Germanic; second by Dennis to front 10 month employees with 4 PTO and earn 2 extra PTO for conference attendance.

Discussion: None. Roll Call vote: Motion passed.

#### ***Sick Time Notification***

A second motion was made by Holst and second by Ng to accept the Sick Time Notification change where 3 consecutive days absent under sick leave OR 5 total days in a month sick will require a doctor's not or some other proof of illness.

Discussion: None. Roll Call vote: 4 yea, 1 abstain; motion carried.

### ***New Business***

#### ***Marketing and Events Updates/Ideas***

Lueth mentioned the connection of TCA with Kare`n and Spanish communities. We have secured a Kare`n representative, Po Eh, and are searching for a Spanish representative at present. Several events are being hosted at TCA coming up including a volleyball tournament on June 25 which will include school tours and such. Germanic mentioned there is a large Kare`n community surrounding TCA. Ng said he likes the name learning community versus school, it sounds more inclusive. Germanic also mentioned pairing up to fund after school food but it can't be run by the school, he said there are many opportunities out there.

## **Old Business**

None

## **Reports**

### **Committees:**

#### **Governance**

- No opportunity to meet; the Strategic Plan is the last component to do.

#### **Finance**

- None

#### **IRT**

- Looking pretty good—slight uptick in some areas. TCA is highly suggesting masks but it's tough to mandate. It was noted that Ramsey County is in the yellow zone.

#### **Director**

- Lueth gave an enrollment update that there are 495 students and application are coming in—we are working on it.

#### **Board Members**

- Germanic inquired about what TCA is doing about the elementary school shooting in Texas. Lueth said we have a good, strong mental health team available to students and staff. Ng mentioned the Buffalo store shooting and says it seems students are becoming indifferent at this point.

## **Closed meeting**

The open meeting was closed and moved to a closed meeting at 6:01 pm by Ng. Anyone not a board member was asked to leave the open meeting. The closed meeting was ended at 6:08 pm and moved back to an open meeting that was adjourned.

## **Adjourn**

6:09 pm by Ng.