



Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 28, 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 5:00 pm

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Holst

Attendance

- Members present: Rich Holst, Andrew Ng, Lisa Dennis, Erin Enquist, Tim Becken (arr 5:09)
- Members absent: Doris Espelien, Ofir Germanic
- 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 May 24, 2022 minutes.

Discussion: None; With 5 yes votes; Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dennis; second by Enquist to approve the June 28, 2022 agenda.

Discussion: None; With 5 yes votes; Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Action Items

May Financials

A motion to accept the May Financials was made by Ng; second by Dennis.

Discussion: Lueth noted transportation costs were about 30-40,000 over but could be made up in other areas. Pretty much expected. We have a good transportation company, their back office is a little slower to bill, etc. Waiting for the Online Learning bill from District 287: With 5 yes votes; Motion passed

Resignation of Doris Espelien

A motion was made by Dennis; second by Ng to accept the resignation of Doris Espelien.

Discussion: We appreciate her service for the last 3.5 years. Dennis inquired about how many spots are open: 1-2 parent positions and and 1 or 2 more community member spots. With 5 yes votes; Motion passed.

New Business

Q-Comp Summary Report

Discussion: Required to be present to school board. TCA won't have the standardized testing scores until mid-August. There was good growth but not proficiency. Holst asked about implications of not meeting proficiency, Lueth responded it's unsure. Becken said there will hopefully be more understanding coming off this year. Lueth mentioned kids slipped back so not only did they not move forward there was the additional trauma associated with the pandemic. It was noted that teacher's did not get the portion of the MCA proficiency for Q-Comp.

Audit Conflict of Interest Document

Discussion: Lueth had members fill these out and turn them in, for those that didn't submit electronically

Set Meeting Calendar for 22-23 School Year

Discussion: Enquist asked about the possibility of the 2nd Tuesday of the month which was not feasible due to financials not being available by then. It was decided to keep it the 4th Tuesday with the August board meeting on August 23, 2022.

Old Business

None

Reports

Committees:

Governance

- Didn't meet

Finance

- Nothing

IRT

- Didn't meet. Waiting until later to meet and see how things are going

Director

- Lueth gave an enrollment update that there are 515 students which is on budget. Marketing is putting out Google ads in Karen, Hmong, Spanish and English. Enrollment is trying to keep the rolls clean. August is a big month for movement both in and out. There are 10 potential applications pending. She feels like TCA is in a good place. Becken mentioned SPPS is putting \$\$ into marketing and that charter schools were their biggest attrition. He wondered if TCA was doing something new to which Lueth replied that TCA missed their 20th anniversary due to the pandemic but she wasn't positive of anything new happening. Enquist said her feeling was like the culture and vibe of TCA was positive and students felt pretty good about TCA this year. No elections happened due to no openings at that time. Lueth mentioned she plans to make a binder for new board members; she did say she needs help with recruitment of board members. Becken suggested reaching out to Hmong/Karen groups and setting up at some local community festivals to pass out information on TCA.

Board Members

- Becken asked the question about high education for our graduates and where our class of 2022 was at. Lueth usually has that number but this year the focus was for the 15 students who were non-graduates and getting them caught up and graduated which is something that has not happen in TCA history. Enrollment is pretty open in 6, 7, 8 and 10th grades while 9th grade is pretty full right now.

Adjourn

5:45 pm by Holst