

TMCS Board Minutes

October 24, 2017

The October, 2017, meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President, Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Cecily Timmons, Rick Prudhomme, Eric Thomas, Jennifer Lentini, Brook Mayo, Erin Hill, Amy Johnson, Gretchen Cummins, and Emily Cowan.

Absent was board member Collette Summit.

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce, Cathey Chet, Noelle McKay, and Jeanette Butterworth.

The September, 2017, meeting minutes were approved; motion made by Amy, seconded by Eric. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Denise

The budget report was presented and approved; motion made by Amy, seconded by Gretchen. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The charter renewal two year process has started. Denise is currently working on a self-study that is due November 3. The bulk of the work is done this year. Eventually, an on-site visit will be done, and a panel of board members, parents, and teachers will be interviewed.

There are plans to work on landscaping and sidewalk to improve visibility in the pickup line.

Noelle McKay will begin as full-time development director on January 1.

Development:

Annual campaign letters went out last week.

Car line contributions came in at around \$4,700.00 with donations and pledges.

Additional business:

Jennifer Lentini was nominated and accepted the position of Vice President of the board.

Expansion Discussion: facilitated by Jeanette Butterworth

A lot of time has transpired since expansion discussion began, but TMCS is still actively in the queue for a USDA loan. The purpose of tonight's discussion is to revisit expansion plans and decide if the board is ready to take on this project.

N.C. General Assembly will be performing a program evaluation for school funding, which leads to possible uncertainty with our general funding from the state.

A minimum of 3-5 hours per week of committee work is to be expected of board members while capital campaign is going on. The campaign is expected to take around a year and a half.

Expansion and full implementation will take about five years, during which staff will be involved.

Biggest needs are for more programs and space.

There was discussion about adding and phasing in space without a large scale expansion, and questions about where funding would come from if no students are added.

The current expansion plan would take enrollment from 200 to 360. Class sizes would be smaller.

Board members raised questions about creating a separate middle school. In the past, staff has wanted to keep middle and elementary schools together.

TMCS typically has a waiting list of 60-70 students for kindergarten, so the feeling is that the community can support the expansion.

Approximately \$300,000 would need to be raised for capital campaign.

An unofficial polling of members indicated that the majority are leaning toward original expansion plan.

Denise will email original expansion documents for members to review, and the board will meet again on November 14 at 6:30 to discuss.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Erin, seconded by Rick. All were in favor; none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brook Mayo, TMCS Board Secretary