

TMCS Board Minutes  
April 23, 2019

The April 23, 2019, 6:30pm meeting held at TMCS 613 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC was called to order at 6:35 by Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Aimie Burns, Cathy Chet, Emily Cowan, Erin Hill, Tricia King, Ann Lentini, Rick Prudhomme, Rebecca Schwartz

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce and Noelle McKay

The meeting agenda was approved; motion made by Rick Prudhomme seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The March 26, 2019 meeting minutes were approved; motion made by Ann Lentini, seconded by Aimie Burns. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**Principal Report: Denise Pesce**

Budget

The March budget currently shows a \$97,031 surplus but there are still expenses remaining through the rest of the school year and the amount of revenue expected from the GNAR and Annual Fund Drive is unknown. The surplus is expected to be closer to \$24,000.

Motion made to approve the March 2019 budget as presented by Ann Lentini, seconded by Tricia King. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The 2019/2020 Budget is based on the 2018/2019 year allocation. TMCS will not know the new allocation until mid- July to September. Typically Denise expects a 4%-5% increase. The budget is also based on the number of children enrolled during the first weeks of the school year. TMCS's goal is to reach the 201 student max but the budget was built conservatively with fewer students.

Monthly county allocations come from the counties in which the students reside.

The salary schedule is based on years of experience and level of education. Denise bumps each teacher's experience up a year for the 2019/2020 budget but will still have to make adjustments when the new schedule is released. Notable changes are Tamara Evans who Denise bumped up to the state level for a certified teacher and Lori Cairnes who increased 3%. The AIG teacher is budgeted for \$10,000 but will likely realize closer to \$16,000 annually for two days a week. Denise did not figure herself a raise because the budget is tight and shows a modest surplus. Once revisions are made her salary can be revisited later if desirable.

Acadia estimates rate increases for health insurance and state retirement. Rate increases are expected.

Motion made to approve the 2019/2020 annual budget as presented by Ann Lentini, seconded by Aimie Burns. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

### EOG Re-test Policy

Denise is sending out an email to the school regarding the retesting policy that was approved at the March 2019 board meeting. The email will include a statement that EOG scores will not be a factor in the TMCS grading system but they may be evaluated for programs outside the immediate school. The school will be offering EOG retesting and parents can decide individually if retesting is a process in which they want their child to participate.

### Open Enrollment

The school currently has 172 applicants registered for the 2019/2020 enrollment lottery. Demand has increased from 2018, when the school received a total of 145 applications for enrollment.

The lottery will be a live Facebook event held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The selection process takes about 15 minutes. Families who are selected are notified within 20 minutes via email and have 48 hours to accept the placement. Families not selected log back in to see where they are on the waiting list and the system tracks people within the queue. The lottery will be public.

The next board meeting will be held the evening of the lottery, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Denise will be contacting board members with details.

Open enrollment ends this Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Personnel/Management

Michelle Dickenson the Kindergarten teacher is reconsidering retirement and is likely to remain with TMCS.

### School Expansion

Denise spoke with Pam Hysong who said that she expects to have the loan processed and off her desk at the end of April. The application is then sent to the state level for underwriting. She will be meeting with people from the state in May and will speak with them about the need for expediency on our application. She will contact us once the application has been submitted to the state.

### Development Committee

GNAR – GNAR registration is up from this time last year. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Noelle encouraged volunteering because many people are needed. You can register for volunteers on the GNAR page of the school's website.

Annual Campaign – the carrot campaign has begun and we are encouraging high participation levels because we are trying to develop a school culture of giving. Approximately \$16,000 has been raised by the annual campaign thus far. A donation made by a family will be credited to the classrooms of all siblings.

### Discovery Park

NC State landscape studio information has been submitted to Tricia who is working on combining all the components together into a master plan. Jim Perry has given some early estimates on site work, Tricia

will pull him further once the site plan is completed. Rick and Tiffany Prudhomme are working on a design for a pavilion.

With no further business, public comments, or board observations Rick Prudhomme made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Lentini. The meeting was adjourned 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.