

TMCS Board Minutes
November 26, 2019

The November 26, 2019, 6:00 pm meeting held at TMCS 613 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC was called to order at 6:07 pm by Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Aimie Burns, Jeannette Butterworth, Cathy Chet, Emily Cowan, Tricia King, Tamara Lee, Ann Lentini, Brad Ward.

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce, Noelle McKay.

The meeting agenda was approved; motion made by Aimie Burns seconded by Brad Ward. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The October 22, 2019 meeting minutes were approved; motion made by Tricia King, seconded by Aimie Burns. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Denise Pesce

Budget

The state has still not approved the budget for the schools. TMCS currently shows that we are \$4000 in the black and have not had to dip into our reserves. The state has approved mini-budgets in the interim and are likely to retain the same salary schedule from the previous year. The school has tried to hold off on larger purchases, but Denise has begun to make some authorizations as TMCS gets deeper into the school calendar.

Motion made to approve the October 2019 budget report as presented by Jeannette Butterworth, seconded by Brad Ward. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Expansion

TMCS has not received any feedback from USDA since September. Both Denise and Noelle have continued to leave messages and request feedback. The loan was submitted to the regional office for processing December 2018 and to the best of our knowledge not been submitted to the state for review.

Denise and a board representative will request a meeting with Pam Hysong. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive a loan status update and to emphasize the urgency of the expansion project.

Development Report: Noelle McKay

Noelle requested updates on the sponsorship solicitation for the 2020 GNAR. Sponsorships need to be confirmed no later than mid-January.

The school has contracted with a new fundraising/donor management system called Flipcause. The system will be integrated with the website and other school platforms over the next few weeks. The goal is to have it up and running by the new calendar year. The cost to the school is \$100 month and is a month to month service.

Committee Reports:

Tricia King – Playground

The embankment slide is shipping at the end of the week. She is requesting an estimate from Jim Perry for the installation and boulder scramble. We will want to have a volunteer effort when it comes time to install the slide. The Beddingfield family may be willing to provide a good deal on trees for the embankment.

Tricia is working on putting together materials for the upcoming capital campaign.

Denise is meeting with the designer of the Flat Rock Playground next week to discuss opportunities for a play structure.

Board Discussion

Follow-up on Board Training with Tom Miller

The four actionable items that came out of the training included:

- Creating committees
- Setting clear goals
- Creating more effective and efficient board meetings
- Reviewing all TMCS policies

Creating committees: Brad Ward, Tamara Lee, and Aimie Burns met and discussed some of the typical committees used by charter schools. These committees included Finance, Executive, Academic, and Governance. Ad hoc committees have been used by TMCS in the past when adopting new curriculums. Standing committees should be included in the by-laws.

The board agreed to reinstate the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will meet before the next board meeting in January to discuss the committee structure and make recommendations to the board.

Reviewing Policies

Emily Cowan suggested we begin reviewing two policies a month during the board meetings beginning January 2020. The board agreed to begin the review in January beginning with the oldest policies first.

Setting Clear Goals

Jeannette Butterworth has begun the process of looking into the by-laws.

Creating More Effective Board Meeting

Tanya Blackford has restructured the board agenda and assigned time frames to items to improve efficiency. She anticipates the creation of board committees will continue to improve board effectiveness and efficiencies.

Public Comments

Two 3rd grade parents, Cecily Timmons and Eric Jalonon, spoke about concerns within the 3rd Grade class.

The board will discuss the concerns that were raised by the parents and have Tamara Lee speak about laws regarding School Resource Officers in the school and classroom during the January 2020 board meeting.

With no further board observations Aimie Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeannette Butterworth. The meeting was adjourned 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.