

TMCS Board Minutes
August 27, 2019

The August 27, 2019, 6:30 pm meeting held at TMCS 613 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC was called to order at 6:39 pm by Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Aimie Burns, Jeannette Butterworth, Emily Cowan, Erin Hill, Tricia King, 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 Aimie Burns. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes from July 23, 2019 were approved; motion made by Jeannette Butterworth, seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Denise Pesce

Budget

Denise presented the July budget reports. The state legislature has yet to approve a budget. TMCS will continue using the previous year's funding levels until the state budget is approved and the new allocations are announced.

Criminal Background Checks

TMCS will be completing monthly background checks on the staff which is in align with Henderson County's policy. Everyone that Denise has submitted a background check on thus far has passed.

The company monitoring for TMCS and the state of North Carolina follows databases and criminal reports daily. An email alert will be sent to Denise if any red flags arise for the people she is monitoring. The annual cost of the service is approximately \$1068.00.

TMCS will also be running background checks on volunteers who spend any significant amount of time with children. A link will be provided on our website where volunteers can fill the paper work out electronically.

The board is interested in what the TMCS policy is should something arise on one of the background checks. Currently, if a person has a felony charge they cannot work in the school. Regarding field trips, the board suggested offering a one page information sheet about regulations for parents transporting and accompanying children. Denise is going to confer with other schools to learn about their policies and return with information for the board.

Expansion

Denise recently met with Pam Hysong from USDA Rural Development. Pam hopes to have the TMCS application submitted to the state by the end of the week. Pam expects that once the application is received in Raleigh it will require another 2-3 weeks of processing. On the positive side, interest rates are going down and the department expects to continue to have funding since they are operating on a two year funding cycle.

The property will need conditional rezoning through the city of Hendersonville. Denise and Noelle will be meeting with Susan Frady on Thursday to discuss the zoning application process.

Personnel/Management

TMCS participated in Trauma Responsive School Training. The staff participated in a 11/2 day training over the summer. The trainers will be returning in 2 weeks for follow-up and will provide another day of training in December. A presentation will also be offered to parents in the future.

TMCS has two vacant lots that were donated a few years ago. One is located in Brevard and another in Sylva. Denise is seeking permission from the board to sell the lots.

The board approved that the two donated lots may be offered for purchase; motion made by Rick Prudhomme, seconded by Erin Hill. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Development Committee

The 2018-2019 Annual Fund Campaign met its goal and raised just over \$25,000.

The 2019-2020 campaign will be kicked-off with a fall direct mail in late September or early October.

Board Discussion

Board Officers

The following were the slate of officers as presented to the board:

Tanya Blackford	President
Jeannette Butterworth	Vice president
Brad Ward	Treasurer
Rebecca Schwartz	Secretary

The slate of officers were approved as presented: motion made by Tricia King, seconded by Rick Prudhomme. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Board Training

The executive committee is bringing in a consultant, Tom Miller, to hold a 3 hour board training on September 17th from 5:00-8:00pm. Tom Miller has served as a Charter School Representative for the DPI and currently serves as a board member for a charter school in NC. The training will help to us to

prepare for the future of the school and the capital expansion. The goal is to leave the training with actionable items.

Discovery Park

TMCS is working with Carleen, the head of Henderson County Parks and Recreation regarding the fence that belongs to TMCS but runs along county property. The fence must be removed and then replaced so that site work can begin for Discovery Park. Henderson County Parks is requesting that approval for replacement of the fence appear on the County Commissioner's consent agenda scheduled for next Tuesday September 3rd.

We are using money from the Glass Foundation to begin the first phase of the project which will include a portion of the initial site-work, seeding, boulder play, and embankment slide.

Tricia King has already volunteered many hours of her time and energy to development of Discovery Park. TMCS would like to hire her as a landscape architect to guide construction of the project. Tricia is still donating a significant portion of her time as compared to another estimate provided by Julieta Sherk. Discussion of hiring Tricia King was moved to a closed door session.

Board moved to a closed door discussion. Motion made by Rebecca Schwartz; seconded by Jeannette Butterworth. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Board Member Observation

Regular meeting resumed following closed door session.

Emily Cowan discussed the need to grow and support TMCS athletic programs. Would there be a possibility to use more volunteers for coaching so as to spread the weight of the responsibilities? Is it possible to offer coaching stipends?

The board decided to meet outside the meeting to have a more in-depth discussion of the athletic program. Some of the board members that expressed an interest in meeting were Rick Prudhomme, Emily Cowan, Rebecca Schwartz, Aimie Burns, and Denise Pesce.

With no further business, public comments, or board observations Rick Prudhomme made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Erin Hill. The meeting was adjourned 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.