

TMCS Board Minutes
January 28, 2020

The January 28, 2020, 6:00 pm meeting held at TMCS 613 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC was called to order at 6:04 pm by Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Aimie Burns, Cathy Chet, Tricia King, Tamara Lee, Ann Lentini, Rick Prudhomme, Rebecca Schwartz, Brad Ward.

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce, Noelle McKay.

Public attending: Mike Dirks, Nick Dirks

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

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

The 2020/2021 school calendar was presented to the board. Notable differences include that the school has the whole week of Thanksgiving off. The school year will start a little later and get out one week later. Denise reviews the calendar with the staff before presenting it to the board.

The board accepted the 2020/2021 calendar as presented. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Principal's Report: Denise Pesce

Budget

The state has still not approved a full budget for the schools. The state has approved mini-budgets in the interim. Money has been transferred for kids with IEPs. EC allotments are down by a few dollars. The budget is currently showing a \$50,000 surplus.

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

Performance Framework

TMCS is in complete compliance with the state.

Management Letter

The Management Letter was submitted to the state with no findings.

School Report Card

Each year the state takes a school's EOG scores and places them on an index. This year TMCS earned a "B". Denise said she is very proud of the school and thinks the "B" reflects the layers of interventions the staff has put in place over the years. TMCS continues to meet goals associated with the growth measurement.

NC Guardian

The NC Guardian background check has been in place and has been a smooth transition. A report is run every two days but Denise is only notified if there is a red flag.

Neurofeedback

TMCS has begun the neurofeedback program. Sessions are held within the school.

Development Report: Noelle McKay

Noelle requested updates on the sponsorship solicitation for the 2020 GNAR. Sponsorships need to be confirmed within the next week. The 2019 GNAR raised \$11,000 in sponsorship, thus far this year we have \$8,500 verbally committed.

Committee Reports:

Tricia King – Playground

We have been working on refining the budget for the entire project. The slide portion of the embankment slide is finished and the launch bar is under production. The next step will be installing it with the help of Jim Perry and volunteers. We will begin ramping up fundraising opportunities as we work on developing the playground in four phases.

The seed seems to have survived the heavy rains and the area is draining well.

Denise Pesce - Expansion

Denise wrote requesting a meeting with Pam Hysong with USDA. Denise along with Jeannette Butterworth and Noelle McKay met with Pam in January. The delay is based primarily on their work load and staffing. We have been told we are next in the queue but that we are still subject to the bureaucratic process. Pam has committed to provide updates monthly. We need to send them this previous year's audit. We are also following up with Pam about the possibility of including some of the financing for the playground in the expansion budget.

Tanya Blackford-Procedures for Public Comment

We rarely have input from the public but last month's experience did illustrate we need to develop procedures for Public Comment and procedures for Grievances.

The executive committee is currently working on both sets of procedures. The Procedures for Public Comment will include a process that sets a time limit for the comment period. The board will not provide feedback during the meeting but will review the comments at a later time, while determining what is within the board's purview and what maybe within the school administration's purview.

Specifically related to the November 2019 meeting, the Executive Committee determined the question regarding the lottery was a board level concern. The board determined based on feedback from DPI and our attorney that having a lottery based on gender was not advisable. The issue regarding playground supervision and discipline were addressed by Denise directly. The Executive Committee and Denise

followed up with the parents. Denise felt some changes had been made that were satisfactory to the parents.

Board Discussion

Tamar Lee- Legalities of the School Resource Officer

Tamara presented and provided material on use of SRO's in the school and classroom. She discussed the SRO and when a child is considered in custody, their rights, and the interrogation and search process for juveniles and how they play out differently when led by the school administration versus the SRO.

With no further board observations Rick Prudhomme made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aimie Burns. The meeting was adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.