

TMCS Board Minutes  
April 18, 2020

An April 18, 2020, emergency board meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm was held via a Zoom conference call and called to order at 2:03 pm by Tanya Blackford.

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

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce, Noelle McKay.

This meeting was called to address an issue regarding the lottery enrollment process. All board members were given advance notification of the meeting.

Denise Pesce explained that the lottery enrollment drawing through the Lotteries system was publicized to take place April 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm. It came to Denise's attention that the drawing had instead taken place earlier this morning, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 am and as a result the Lotteries system sent out notifications to families whose children are waitlisted.

Denise verified the lottery had taken place and emails had been sent to families. A clerical error by TMCS staff resulted in the drawing date change within the system.

The enrollment period had, however, ended April 17 at 3:30pm, well in advance of the April 18<sup>th</sup> drawing. No more additional applicants were eligible for enrollment and the outcome of the drawing was not affected by the change of date and time.

Jeannette Butterworth and Denise Pesce conferred with the Office of Charter Schools who recommended that the drawing stand since the enrollment process was completed in accordance with the proper procedures. The ultimate decision, however, rested with the TMCS school board who can choose to either accept the current drawing or hold a new drawing. The Office of Charter Schools recommended TMCS hold an emergency session to discuss and vote on this single issue.

The TMCS board discussed the complications inherent in holding another drawing. More confusion and frustration would likely result.

A motion was made by Ann Lentini that the board agrees the lottery selection that took place on April 18<sup>th</sup> is valid, that the results stand, and that Denise Pesce will draft a letter to lottery participants that will be approved by Jeannette Butterworth and Tanya Blackford. The motion was seconded by Jeannette Butterworth. All voted in favor; none opposed. Rick Prudhomme and Aimie Burns abstained. Motion carried.

Jeannette Butterworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With no further board observations the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.