

TMCS Board Minutes  
January 13, 2021

The January 13, 2021, 6:00 pm meeting held via Zoom conference call was called to order at 6:08 pm by Jeannette Butterworth.

Attending board members were Aimie Burns, Jeannette Butterworth, Cathey Chet (non-voting member), Tricia King, Ann Lentini, Rick Prudhomme, Rebecca Schwartz, Brad Ward.

Attending staff members were Jessica Freeman, Noelle McKay, Denise Pesce.

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

The December 8, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with changes; motion made by Aimie Burns, seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Principal's Report**

#### Budget Report

- Acadia is getting updated numbers the better reflect contribution amounts.
- The budget surplus is currently \$97,000.
- The school has received ESSER funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) through the CARES Act and PRC funds through the state and federal government. We are expecting additional federal funding but do not know when it will hit. We are not eligible for funding for Title 1 schools. The funding we are expected to receive that is Covid response related is not required to be expended until 2022. We will continue to watch spending.
- Denise authorized capital improvements including painting the interior hallways and correcting drainage problems on the front of the school.

Motion made to approve the December 2020 budget report as presented, by Brad Ward, seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion approved.

#### Recommendations for Moving Forward

##### **EC Services**

The EC team is developing a plan for how to support kids when they are back in session. They are offering 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade interventions. The kids will be assessed when we are back in session. Summer sessions will be offered and used to fill-in the gaps.

##### **County COVID Status**

- As of today the infection rate is 13.3% and is in red critical status
- The county is currently only testing people with COVID symptoms with a 2-3 day turn around.
- Denise speaks with Alice weekly. She anticipates the vaccine won't be available for a 1 ½ months.
- The rise in infection rates are the after affects of the holidays. Alice says it takes 3-4 weeks to rip through a family.

Henderson County Schools are currently in remote but they are likely to return to school in February.

Denise recommends they stay in remote until the end of the month like Henderson County.

A motion to continue all grades K-8<sup>th</sup> in virtual learning through the end of January was made by Brad Ward, seconded by Aimie Burns. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The board will reconvene for a special meeting to discuss reopening on Thursday January, 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm.

### **Development Report**

- Noelle and Denise have been working on developing a plan for Enrollment.
- Year end donation statements are scheduled to be mailed before January 31, 2021.

### **Playground Update**

- Tricia reported that the embankment slide has been installed and the footing is curing.
- Boulders have been brought in for the boulder scramble.
- We still need to complete the landing at the bottom of the slide. We will need a significant amount of mulch.
- We still need to plant around the slide and boulders but will have to wait for the weather to improve.

### **Board Recruitment**

Tanya Blackford, Emily Cowan, and Ann Lentini are finishing the last year of their second term. According to the bylaws they may return the board following a one year break.

The bylaws dictate that TMCS must have 9 members. Assuming all other board members continue to serve, TMCS will have 7 members and will need to recruit for a minimum of two positions.

The board recruitment process and timeline is as follows:

- At January meeting:
  - BOD discussed the needed characteristics of board members
  - Brainstormed potential new members
  - Invited BOD to share application forms with contacts (App form needs to be updated)
- In February:
  - Board members continue to invite potential members to complete an application for Board Membership
  - A school-wide invitation is also sent out to call for potential board members to complete an application

- March

- Potential Board members are invited to attend the March meeting - not necessary for appointment to the board

- April

- Continue publicizing and inviting applications
- Potential Board members invited to attend the April meeting?
- Discuss board officers for next year; present slate at May meeting

- May

- Review applications and elect new board members; elect board officers

- July

- New board member orientation and terms begin

With no further board observations or public comment Rick Prudhomme, with a second by Aimie Burns, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.