

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: March 18, 2019

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Shelley Eleby.

Attendance

Board Members Present

Kimberley Capers	Shelley Eleby	Jeff Parsons
Julie Elliott	Renee Karibi-Whyte	Julie Mitchell
Misha Simmonds	Yvette Skaff (ex-officio)	

Board Members Absent

Themba Johnson	Genevieve Nikolsky (resigned effective today)
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Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo	Sonia Torres
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Also Present:

5 parents and Ms. Leandra, Ms. Abbie, Mrs. Scalici; 3 students

- **Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2019**

Moved by Simmonds, seconded by Capers.

Voice vote; motion carried.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Art Competition (Ms. Abbie): 3 students (Isabella B., Fiona W., and Karly R.) were selected for state show from TCCS!! Only 6 pieces selected from the entirety of Bergen County so we are very excited.
- Quiz Bowl: Issac P. got 8th place overall out of 108 students at the quiz bowl competition. Thanks also to Ed and Pixie, who have been extremely helpful as team parents!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment update - currently at enrollment of 323. There is an 8th grade vacancy that likely won't be filled by year end.

- NJDOE School Score: We finished top of the town. We are ranked 216th out of 2088 schools.
 - Rank of 50 is average; TCCS was 79.27; remainder of schools were in 50s and 60s, with Hawthorne at 45.
 - When compared with similar schools, we ended up at 90.34; 203rd in state
- STEAM Field Trip:
 - TSCSO Finished up funding for the 3d printer funding request so we are getting a brand new 3d printer!
 - The STEAM field trip will be to the prop shop that they are working with on the play to see the large scale replica of a student's head that is being created for the wizard of Oz. Trip will include tour of facility, workshops where they do metal working woodworking and painting. They also do action figure design. Then they will get hands on experience with scanner and will experience process of working with 3d printer technology. They will also get to experience how a robot works. Finally, they get to go to the woodshop and everyone will get to make a wood project they will get to take with them. Great opportunity to experience industrial arts since we don't have it at the school.
- Facility update -- Leak in roof above art suite - \$400 repair that is now done.
 - Construction moving along nicely in back room - sheetrock and framing are in place.
 - Steel structure is now in place for gym. Next step is roof, which they will bring in in panels; will finish in 1-2 weeks so we are under roof.
 - Then side panels; and pouring of 2nd half of the slabs.
 - Received permits for K and storage room conversion projects.
 - We will have a portable classroom in the parking lot in April for the Resource Room to ease transitions and facilitate construction.
 - One K class will go to back room once we get CO in April; other will go to Spanish room. Spanish will be mobilized on cart. Decision for this is to make sure that we can have everything ready to hit ground running in September.
- Kindergarten Teacher Search: underway; several interviews with in house applicants (4). Once narrowed down, will involve board members and parents. Next week, will look at outside candidates.
- Student assembly: Cyber safety seminar -- 3 different levels for students: k-3, 4-6 and 7-8, and one for parents. Will be held April 23 and 24 (parent one is the 23rd evening)
- Upper School Field Trips: Used to be combined 7 and 8 and was cheaper. Next year will be DC again. A STEM trip for the 8th graders after testing is done is also being discussed; a trip to Great Adventure where they do STEAM lessons, tied into lesson plans, to replace bowling trip just for 8th graders.

OLD BUSINESS

- See notes from construction update above.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resignation of Genevieve Nikolsky from board.
- Committee Updates - Governance met to review feedback for staff survey and other surveys and redid to update. PARENT survey will go out Friday -- separately as a blast this week; will be due right before spring break. We are set to vote on updated grievance policy tonight.
- No other committees have met -- but will need a communications chair to work with TCSCO and PR Staff in school.

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Gallo reviewed resolutions.

Public Comment - General: none

Public Comments re resolutions: none

Resolutions:

1903-01 - Acceptance of Board Member Resignation

- Moved by Karibi-Whyte; seconded by Simmonds. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-02 - Budget Summary

- Moved by Parsons; seconded by Elliott. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-03 - SBA Financial Report (January 2019)

- Moved by Parsons; seconded by Elliott. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-04 - Grievance Policy

- Moved by Karibi-Whyte; seconded by Capers. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-05 - Field Trip Approval

- Moved by Capers; seconded by Simmonds. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-06 - Therapy Contract

- Moved by Simmonds; seconded by Elliott. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-07 - Professional Services Agreement

- Moved by Simmonds; seconded by Parsons. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-08 - Baseball / Softball Umpires

- Moved by Karibi-Whyte; seconded by Mitchell. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

1903-09 - Substitute Custodians

- Moved by Elliott; seconded by Simmonds. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm;

Meeting reopened at 7:53 to discuss appointment of new board member. Approach is to review candidates who have already expressed interest; Renee will send out assessment sheet to board and Shelley will review.

Meeting adjoured at 7:57 pm.