

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: February 10, 2020

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Shelley Eleby

Attendance

Board Members Present

Kimberley Capers	Shelley Eleby	Julie Elliott
Themba Johnson (late arrival)	Renee Karibi-Whyte (late arrival)	
Julie Mitchell		

Yvette Skaff (ex-officio)

Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo	Sonia Torres
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Also Present:

18 members from the community

- **Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2020**
 - Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Johnson; Voice vote; motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment update - currently at full enrollment of 333.
 - 397 students on this year's waiting list.
- Offered 45 positions for enrollment
 - Waiting list of 356 students
- Ribbon Cutting Recap
 - Overall success
 - 592 people RSVPd. Approximately 500 people attended.
 - Resolution given by Senator Weinberg. Many other local dignitaries were in attendance, along with TCCS founders and past staff members.
 - Thanked Julie Mitchell for coordinating the event
- Mini ribbon cutting for the new stage in multi-purpose room
 - Commemorated 100th day of school and Fashion Show given by the 1/2s.

- Some concerns about the stage and how it affects the running of the school/space. Staff working together to try to make the best of the situation.
- Anticipated Instructional opening
 - Plan for adapting the new class make-up given that the 3 kindergarten classes will be moving up
 - Plan for next year is to hire a part-time 1st grade teacher
 - 3 1st grade classes + 2 2nd grade classes. In the afternoon it would be 4 homerooms
 - SLT full day workshop Thursday to prepare for next year's schedule
- 2020 summer camps
 - Offering many of the same camps, but maybe a change in the structure in the running of the camp - money, registration all unified to standardize the process.
 - Taking proposals for camps starting next week
 - How long camp will run, along with when it starts and ends will depend on the school schedule. Waiting to see Teaneck District schedule for the upcoming year.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION/ELA & MATH

- ELA presentation by Miss Gail
 - See presentation online
- Math presentation by Mr. Adam
 - See Presentation online

OLD BUSINESS

- Construction Update
 - Kindergarten project is officially done. All bills paid and closed out
 - Music suite has a punch list of items to complete during the break
 - Tring to get final bills and certificate of occupancy
 - Gym has some padding to go up for doors and walls near bleachers and some paint touch up

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Updates
 - Finance committee met today
 - Hope to standardize how various school booster groups work. Finance committee to meet with all boosters to see where we're at going forward.
 - Working to standardize agreements for outside groups to rent gym with Friends
 - Practice leagues, classroom space, etc.
 - Working with the musical staff to see what the planning and finances will be
 - Communications committee met January 21st

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment - General:

- TCSCO feeling forgotten in the plan as it relates to a place to store their supplies. Is there a closet space they can use?
 - There are spaces that can be considered and there will be a continuing conversation

- Ms. Skaff, as representative for the faculty, raised concerns about the new stage in the multi-purpose room regarding practical issues and safety concerns. Their concerns were:
 - that everyone can no longer fit due to the size of the stage. A full assembly cannot be held in the multi-purpose room.
 - afterschool lost ½ of their space. Only space for snack.
 - transition into and out of lunch is not smooth
 - where will Harvest Festival be held
 - Safety concerns, i.e. fire drills, everything is to the side of the multi-purpose room. Can the wings be removed?

She thanked everyone for their effort, but the first priority is safety.

- President Eleby asked did we as a board use proper due diligence to truly see if the stage fits in the space? Did we realize what it was going to look like?
- Parent Jeff Parsons spoke to express his pleasure on the stage as well as the creative suite etc.
- Parent Kevin Turner expressed that he felt the stage made the playing field equal with the schools in town. Important that the kids get the infrastructure that they need.
- Ed Pierce explained that the placement of the stage and scaling was correct and accurate as related in the scaled model he presented at a past board meeting. Seating capacity was taken into consideration. Stage sticks no further out than the stage for winter concert.

Public Comments - Resolutions: Background provided on pending resolutions.

Resolutions:

2002-01 - Budget Summary

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

2002-02 - SBA Financial Report (September 2019)

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

2002-03 - 2018 Form 990

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

2002-04 -SEMI Waiver

- Moved by Johnson; seconded by Mitchell. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

2002-05 - Personnel Appointments - Substitute Teachers

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

2002-06 - Personnel Appointments - Baseball Coach

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

2002-07 - IPM Coordinator

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm