

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: November 9, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Shelley Eleby

Attendance

Board Members Present

Doug Anderson

Kimberley Capers

Shelley Eleby

Julie Elliott

Yvette Gonzalez

Xiomara Hadnot

Renee Karibi-Whyte

Yvette Skaff (ex-officio)

Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo

Sonia Torres

Kristina Anders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2020

- Moved by Karibi-Whyte, seconded by Holway; Voice vote; motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment update - current enrollment is 342 -- Full Enrollment.
- Admissions and Lottery Update
 - Notice sent out that admissions applications are ready for the 2020-2021 school year
 - 45 Kindergarten positions are available for next year
 - This year we will be using software from a 3rd party company named Lotterease to run the lottery with TCCS guidance
- Virtual Open House
 - TCCS will be holding 2 virtual open houses via zoom. The first is this Thursday, November 12. The second is Saturday, December 12.
- Hybrid Update/Community Survey
 - Back in school hybrid today
 - Mr. Gallo thanked parents for their flexibility in going remote last week.

- For the upcoming ½ days, November 25 & December 4, students will follow the remote schedule
- 2nd trimester intent forms were sent out to parents today, along with a questionnaire relating to parent intentions for travelling and celebrating the holidays this year. The information is necessary to make decisions about how school will proceed after the holiday breaks.
- There is a feedback button on the website where parents can leave observations on how things are going so far
- Curriculum Update
 - ELA Presentation
 - See attached: shorturl.at/iuwyT
 - Math Presentation
 - See attached: shorturl.at/hIFM4

OLD BUSINESS

- Arts in the Parking Lot
 - October event was Pumpkin painting
 - Best turnout thus far!
 - Thank you to Mr. Keitel and Ms. Abbie who put the event together, along with TCSCO for providing the pumpkins
 - It was a great outdoor socially distanced event, where everyone wore masks
 - Next event is **November 19th at 4pm**. The rain date is Monday, November 23rd. Mr. Gallo believes the craft will be making pinecone turkeys.
 - Hoping to work with a local farm or store to provide apple cider or something like that to further incorporate the fall theme

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Updates
 - Curriculum committee met 11/2.
 - The Chair thanked all of the teachers for their hard work this year
 - A lot of discussion on feedback and analysis on how things are going this year - first with remote and now with hybrid instruction.
 - Reviewed general education and special education support systems, along with developing action plans
 - Strong focus on student achievement
 - Finance committee met today and discussed the following topics:
 - Hiring/rehiring a negotiator for the upcoming contract negotiations
 - Renewing contracts for snow removal
 - New possible stipends for cheerleading and assistant coaches
 - Implementing a Gifted & Talented chairperson

- Usage of the Coronavirus relief fund grant for air filters and handwashing stations
- A surplus in the budget for July and August which is roughly \$400,000

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment Resolutions

Public Comment General

Resolutions:

2011-01 - Budget Summary

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

2011-02 - SBA Financial Report (July)

- Moved by Anderson; seconded by Holway. Roll call vote; resolution carries.

2011-03 - Snow Removal Agreement

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

2011-04 - Negotiations Resource Services Contract

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm