

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: APRIL 12, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Renee Karibi Whyte

Attendance

Board Members Present

Doug Anderson

Kimberley Capers

Julie Elliott

Yvette Gonzalez

Xiomara Hadnot

Lorelle Holway

Julie Mitchell

Renee Karibi-Whyte

Yvette Skaff (ex-officio)

Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo

Sonia Torres

Kristina Anders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from March 15, 2021

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Contest for Silver linings for COVID**
 - Video presentations done by the students
 - Winners will be posted
- **Enrollment update** - Current enrollment is 341 students -- 1 8th grade vacancy.
- **Third Trimester/Phase 3 Update**
 - Welcome back from spring break. Fully remote this week.
 - Thankful that Google issues were resolved by around 1pm.
 - Next week on April 19th - 113 students attending in person instruction 4 days a week.
 - 2 classes, Ms. Yoon's class & Ms. Lee's class, will be relocated to the Art Suite. Administration is working with custodial staff to ensure that there is space.
 - 185 is the total number of students who will be in school. 55% of the total student population.
 - K & 1/2 - already attending 4 days a week
 - 1 class solely remote

- Bused kids are all in the am program
- No recess or mask breaks, just instruction

- **STATE TESTING UPDATE**

- Federal government sent a letter to the State that they would allow an alternative assessment for this year.
- The indication is that TCCS will not be administering the test this spring
- All schools will be required to administer the Start Strong Assessment in the Fall.

- **FACULTY VACCINATIONS UPDATE**

- 67% of faculty have been at least partially vaccinated
- Of that 67% almost 80 % are or will be fully vaccinated by the end of the month
- This will change the way TCCS reacts to positive cases

- **2021-2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

- See presentation
 - <http://bit.ly/tccsbudget2122>
 - **QUESTIONS**
 - **COVID RELATED FUNDS - ARE THEY USE OR LOSE**
 - **YES. TCCS has two years to spend the funds, but must show how the money is spent. Mr. Gallo will be attending a training meeting on how to use the forms etc.**
 - **What portion of the budget is available for incidentals**
 - **Factored in to all of the line items**
 - **What is the difference between the Benefits amount that's \$918 vs benefits line that is \$650?**
 - **Not strictly health benefits. Encompasses Medicaid, FICA, and other payroll expenses etc.**
 - **It's an estimate.**
- Actual expense was substantially lower. Actual figure isn't in yet because the school year isn't over.

OLD BUSINESS

- **TCCS COVID DASHBOARD**

- 4 specific COVID responses in past school year
- All listed on dashboard
- Right now it states everyone on remote due to Spring Break

NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Updates**

- Governance committee
 - Conducted a first reading of NJSBA policy updates

- Finance committee met earlier today
 - Went over budget line by line
 - Board members Holway and Elliott as a part of the DLT (District Leadership Team) committee attended an online conference sponsored by Rutgers. It's a collaboration between school leaders, school boards and union leadership. The school leadership was also in attendance. TCCS is the only charter school that attends.
- Board Elections. We must start planning as soon as possible. Election results must be announced at the June meeting. Board members Eleby and Karibi-Whyte are timing out, meaning they have served two full terms.
- NJ Charter Association - Parent Ambassador Program
 - 1 meeting per month or perhaps more
 - 4 people from Teaneck on the call
 - Impact on charter school can be enormous
 - Julie Mitchell will include links
 - They discussed funding and the role elections play in charter school success.
 - April 24th is next meeting
 - Enrollment is still open
 - Important for us because our renewal is coming up.

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment Resolutions

Public Comment General

- Questions/Comments
 - None

Resolutions:

2104-01 - Budget Summary

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

2104-02 - 2021-2022 Budget

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

2104-03 - Personnel Appointment (Maternity Leave Replacement)

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

2104-04 - Summer 2021 Camps

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

2104-05 - Personnel Appointment (Extracurricular)

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

2104-06 - Personnel Appointment (Acceptance of Resignation/Retirement)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30