

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: MAY 10, 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
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*present for a portion of the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from April 12, 2021

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Enrollment update - Current enrollment is 341 students -- There is one 8th grade vacancy.
- Phase 3.1 Update
 - Small changes to current plan
 - Presented it to the staff last week
 - In this upcoming year the staff and administration will need to work extra hard because of all of the challenges of this year
 - Kindergarten, 1st /2nd, 3rd /4th have been working all day
 - 3-8 grade teachers will be in the building until 3:30 starting May 17
 - Doors will be open for students to come back for tutoring, directed teaching etc., to give extra focus for last month of school
 - Hopefully in-person
 - Teacher will give lists by next Wednesday
 - Staff members working together to get ready for next year

- Purpose is to get in the mindset of preparation for next year
 - Plan is to be open full day, 5 days a week in the fall
 - The reopening plan has these changes listed. DOE will be looking at them when we have our renewal visit.
 - For example, how did we make sure our students didn't have learning issues over the summer and throughout the year?
 - Schedule will be made for children coming in
 - Reopening plan will be on the website once approved with updates.
 - There will also be an update on the travel policy
- **TESTING/ACCESS for ELLs**
 - Waiver for the spring assessment
 - Will conduct the mandated Strong Assessment
 - Must administer the ACCESS for ELLs
 - ELL - English Language Learners
 - Given to parents electronically when they first enter the school. It is a home language survey
 - Tests primary language spoken at home/primary language heard at home
 - TCCS has 21 students right now that will be tested by June
 - For Kindergarteners, the test is a paper test which will take 20-30 min.
 - Sent out for testing
 - 6 kindergarteners
 - 15 1st and 2nd graders
 - They take an online test - 45 minutes
 - School will get a level on a scale of 1-5.
 - 1 is the lowest level, not an English speaker
 - needs intensive support
 - 5 is the highest level no intervention
 - Federal government sent a letter to the State that they would allow an alternative school learning 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.
- **HIB UPDATE**
 - 1 HIB investigation day before spring break
 - Students concerned with social media posts
 - Ruled - Not a confirmed HIB

- No specific target
- Concerned out of school behavior
- School conduct rules were broken and consequences were given to students

- **PD UPDATE**

- Workshop this Wednesday
 - LGBTQ+
 - Disability mandates
 - Staff and 7th/8th grade students were taught
- K-2nd grade teachers - Super Reading training
- Mathvision training will be held on 6/8

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION 2021**

- Kicked off with breakfast given by TCSCO
- Lunch with Cinco de Mayo theme
- Ecards from TCCS board
- An additional breakfast provided by one of the TCCS families
- Thank you from the staff

- **END OF YEAR EVENTS**

- Book fair this week in parking lot area
- Moana Update
 - Friday/Saturday/Sunday
 - Some time beginning - mid June, the live viewing will be made available to the community
 - Will be streaming and will be sent out to families
 - Hopefully all can buy a ticket and support
- Field Week will take place the week of 6/7. Different days for different grade levels
- Graduation will be held 6/21 at 6pm
 - Outdoor with limited guests
- 8th grade parent committee is working on an 8th grade meetup
- Thanks to TCCEA for Springfest
- TCCS Got Talent
 - Ms. Lori is the coordinator

- **21-22 PREPARATION AND UPDATES**

- **Planning for everyone at school, full day in the Fall with lunch service**
 - **That is the goal that everyone in government is pushing for**
- **Ventilation is all up to code and our facility is ready**
- **There will be construction this summer to reconfigure classes**
- **Orders are being placed for teachers for next year for a successful start**
- **Working hard on the schedules**
 - **Will allow TCCS to resume normalcy in a safe way**
 - **Kids will move class to class instead of teacher doing so**
 - **There will be longer blocks of time for instruction**
 - **Combining ELA and Social Studies to stay put 3 periods in a row for grades 3-6**
 - **The Official schedule will be distributed next week. Typically worked on during the summer, but SLT has worked to be ahead of the game**
 - **Large part of the planning relates to staffing. Made some announcements. Will make internal transfers also. Will have positive impact to hit the ground running**
 - **Kids will have familiar faces that they working with**
 - **Will be looping 1st and 2nd grade. A Lot of the students will have the same teacher they had this year. Everyone will be familiar academically and socially.**
 - **Ms. Renique will be a Kindergarten teacher**
 - **Ms. Kwiatkowski will be the 1st grade teacher. Which will help with the transition for current remote kindergarten kids who will be experiencing their first time in school.**
 - **1st grade Ms. Mayas and Ms. Kupfer**
 - **2nd grade teachers will be Ms. Hunter, Ms. Eckel and Ms. Vacca**
 - **Other transfers:**
 - **Ms. Morgan will teach 3rd and 4th graders Humanities, ELA and Social Studies in one block in mixed grade groupings**
 - **Mr. Bonney is going back to 5th and 6th grade Reading, Writing and Social Studies. He will have the same students he has had and will integrate with Ms. Nicole for the Social Studies/Humanities block.**
 - **Specifics will be worked on during May and June so parents know what to expect in the Fall and for the administration to ascertain any gaps**
 - **New teams will start meeting and will work on articulation**
- **TCCS will have federally funded programs for kids this summer**
 - **The administration has some program proposals from teachers**
 - **Also looking at vendors for summer training for kids after the administration has exhausted the in-house options**

OLD BUSINESS

- **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**
 - Related to planning for next year
 - Upstairs resource room arch was placed 1 week ago
 - Will be sending the drawings. Will fit around 10 people.
 - Former library will also be a resource room
 - These changes will free up the science room for the new 1st / 2nd grade classroom
 - Looking for these changes to be completed early this summer. Meeting with all representatives to make it happen.
 - New promethean board purchased, in addition to a replacement for downstairs, and a new board in conference room which will be a conference room again
 - Thanks to Friends of TCCS for paying the contractor

NEW BUSINESS

- **POLICY UPDATES - 2ND READING tonight**

- **COMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - Governance committee
 - Conducted a meeting discussing upcoming surveys
 - 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. DLT is 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**
 - Will be meeting tomorrow
 - Will be kicking them off within the next two weeks.
 - A few outgoing board members
 - Will be electronically held
 - Questions
 - Is there a master list of people who have expressed interested
 - No, usually parents solicited by board members
 - Administration knows which people have run in the past

- **END OF YEAR SURVEYS**
 - Will be going out soon

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment Resolutions

Public Comment General

- **Questions/Comments**
 - None

Resolutions:

2105-01 - Budget Summary

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

2105-02 - SBA Financial Reports (February & March 2021)

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

2105-03 - Personnel Appointment (Substitute)

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

2105-04 - Personnel Appointment (Umpire)

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

2105-05 - Personnel Appointment (Basic Skills Program)

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

2105-06 - Policy Updates

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

2105-07 - Appointment of Human Resource Officers

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

2105-08 - Online Board of Trustees Election

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

2105-09 - Restart Plan Update

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

2105-10 - HIB Report Acknowledgement

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

2105-11 - Teacher Appointment - Yvette Skaff (2021-2022)

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

2105-12 - Teacher Appointment - Lori Stuart (2021-2022)

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

2105-13 - Teachers Appointments (2021-2022)

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

2105-14 - Instructional aide Appointments

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

2105-15 Child Study Team Appointments (2021-2022)

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

2105-16 - Support Staff Appointments (2021-2022)

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

2105-17 - Administrator Appointments (2021-2022)

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

2105-18 - Closed Session (Litigation and Negotiations)

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

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:17pm