

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: JUNE 14, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Renee Karibi-Whyte

Attendance

Board Members Present

Kimberley Capers

Shelley Eleby

Julie Elliott

Xiomara Hadnot

Yvette Gonzalez

Lorelle Holway

Julie Mitchell

Yvette Skaff (ex-officio)

Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo

Sonia Torres

Kristina Anders

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 10, 2021

- Edits made
- Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Gonzalez; Voice vote; motion carried.

ELA PRESENTATION BY MS. GAIL

- See presentation

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Enrollment update** - Current enrollment is 341 students -- 1 outstanding 8th grade position
- **END OF YEAR EVENTS**
 - Field week took place last week. Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen
 - This Friday is virtual move up day
 - Moana Jr. will be available for viewing soon
 - Mr Keitel explained:
 - Opening night, this Friday June 18th at 7 pm
 - 11 different performances
 - You can pick which performance you want to view, buy your ticket and get the access code. Then watch!
 - No ability to fast forward or rewind.
 - It starts on time and you have to watch it when scheduled.

- Runs about an hour
 - Kindergarten Authors Day will be held at 10am on Monday June 21st
 - Graduation will be held at 6pm on Monday the 21st
 - Ticketed event
 - Ceremony will be live streamed
 - Keynote speaker is J. Cedar Wang, Director of Simulation Education and Administrative Director of Professional Practice at Holy Name Hospital
 - Everyone should bring a mask. The mask decision will be made closer to the event.
 - Kindergarten virtual orientation will be held this Friday
 - Talent show will be aired on the last day of school
 - Clap out will be in the parking lot on the last day of school for 8th grade students and their families
- **Summer Camps**
 - Sports and Science Camp with Mr. T
 - Theatre Camp with Mr. Keitel
 - Art Camp with Ms. Abbie
- **Summer Enrichment Programs**
 - Stem with Dr. Nan
 - Soar with Ms. Lori
 - 4-6 grade prep with Ms. Nicole
 - Summer with Super Kids for rising 2nd graders
- **Extended School Year (ESY)**
 - Ms. Anders explained that:
 - ESY will be held 7/6 - 8/6
 - 27 kids are enrolled
 - The staff consists of 3 teachers and 2 aides
 - Speech therapist, social worker, and occupational Therapist will be available
 - Purpose is to maintain the progress made, not necessarily to advance skills. Additionally, teachers will aware of where the students will be in the fall
 - Focus on what is in the IEP - core academics
- **Facilities**
 - Will be major turnover of classes
 - Painting will be done
 - On pace to be set for the fall
- **SRP - Safe Return to School Plan**
 - Required before funding will be given to school. Mr Gallo has to submit a plan
 - Similar to our existing plan
 - Shows how TCCS is prepared for a full complement of students in the fall

- Plan will highlight
 - Masking (which will be determined by State government)
 - Physical distancing
 - Handwashing etiquette
 - Cleaning and maintaining facilities
 - Heating and ventilation
 - Contact tracing
 - Diagnostic and screening testing thorough DOH and school nurse
 - Vaccination levels
 - At this time the administration doesn't have answers about mandatory vaccinations
 - Record keeping
 - Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities
- The plan must be presented publicly (which was done during this presentation)
- Also, public comment is allowed and will be taken into consideration
 - Noone opted to make public comments tonight
- **2020-2021 Year in Review**
 - Mr. Gallo usually does State of the School earlier in the year. We had a plan, not formal goals.
 - Thinks all did a great job
 - Everyone has been super cooperative and flexible and showed patience and grace
 - Thanks to everyone including kids
 - Reopening plan revised 5 times
 - TCCS was good at moving with a moving target
 - 4 schedule changes - Full remote - hybrid/distance
 - Without teachers really working hard, it couldn't be done
 - Building upgrades completed
 - Testing and Vaccination opportunities given
 - Administration did what they could to give people what they could in dealing with the crisis
 - 6 positive cases - responded, notified community and took appropriate action, with full cooperation
 - Ralph read what he wrote in the Yearbook

NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Updates**
 - Curriculum committee met
 - End of year and ERSA funds and summer work
 - Incentive system and tying it into PBIS
 - Governance Committee

- Board Self Evaluation Update - Next meeting
 - Same for end of year surveys
- Finance
 - Check register and april cash disbursement
 - Hiring new instructional aide
 - Grant for playground
 - ESSER 2 grants
 - Buying 145 new chromebooks
 - Updating HVAC
 - Learning loss programs
 - Mental health
 - Renewal of law firm
 - Auditor
- Election
 - Election Results
 - 1 designated winner O Anthony
 - Remaining candidates tied - 23 %
 - Consulted by-laws - will have to be a run-off
 - Thursday - New election by email for 2 available positions
 - Three candidates running
 - Position papers and candidates forum will be made available.
 - There will be a special Board meeting to announce the Results

PRESENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Public Comment Resolutions

Public Comment General

- Questions/Comments
 - Yvette Skaff thanked Shelley Eleby from the teachers for her service as Board President

Resolutions:

2102-01 - Budget Summary

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

2102-02 - SBA Financial Report (April 2021)

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

2106-03 - Personnel Appointment (Instructional Aide - Samantha Reyes)

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

2106-04 - NJSIG Safety Grant

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

2106-05 - ESSER II Funding Allocation

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

2106-06 - Contract Approval (Legal Services)

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

2106-07 - Contract Approval (Auditor)

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

2106-08- Board of Trustees Calendar

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

2106-09 - Approval to Void Checks

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

2106-10- Closed Session (Personnel Appointments (ESY))

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

2106-11- Closed Session (Negotiations)

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

Meeting Adjourned to closed session at 8:05pm

Motion to conclude meeting

- Moved by Hadnot; seconded by Mitchell
- All in Favor; resolution carries

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm