

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: August 1, 2022

In Person

[Meeting called to order](#): Xiomara Hadnot at 7:11pm

Approval of minutes from 8/1/22 - Carter Moves, Approves

Ralph: Enrollment update - 358 students, 2 open kindergarten spots looking to fill. Waiting on paperwork for those 2 kids to confirm enrollment. Otherwise full enrollment.

Lunch updates - Positive. Food quality improved, kids and parents were happy. Want to make sure we are offering veggie options. Next month's menu should come out Monday.

Start Strong assessment - 4-8 grades started last week! Waiting on assessment results.

Ms. Torres - Week of Respect summary. Cyber safety cop came to speak to students and parents. This week is fire safety week. Fire department is coming to speak to students about fire safety. This week is also High School week. 10/20 - Math Night. TSCO hosting trunk or treat 10/30 as well as dance from 6-8pm. Halloween parade, science activities.

Ralph - mad science coming in for assemblies tailored to spooky science.

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Xiomara Hadnot

Attendance

[Board Members Present](#)

Yvette Gonzalez - absent

Xiomara Hadnot

Anthony McGilchrist - absent

Kirk Mitchell

Lorelle Hollaway -

Enid Vallejo-Juste

Keisha Carter -

Julie Mitchell

Nathalie Lazu

Administrators Present

Ralph Gallo

Sonia Torres

Yvette Skaff- ex officio member

GALLO: Meeting calendar for the year has been sent to the Herald, local news papers

- **Swearing-In of New Board Members by Nathalie Lazu**
 1. **Nathalie Lazu**

Approval Minutes of Jul 5, 2022 : All in favor - yes

GALLO:

Enrollment update: still filing a few spots. Waiting on paperwork from 2-3 students. Enrollment is still strong with a waiting list.

Searching for a new lunch vendor. Survey shows that the kids don't like the food.

Facility update: Construction is in progress on the second floor flex room.

Personal Update: New search for nurse. Sonia Torres says they have interviewed a few candidates. Moving forward with an agency - nurse position. We have specifically requested a consistent nurse and will have the option to buy out her contract for a permanent position. Other positions have offers, but employers are not following through with starting work, being outbid by other schools. JM asks if our salary offering is competitive.

Saturday was the last day of ESY. Art camp also finished last week. Sports & Science camp will end this week. 8/19 for the school theater show.

Professional Development: August training week of 8/29. TCSO sponsoring breakfast. Training for the new ELA program, team building and classroom setup. Sonia asks if Board members could attend.

Gallo - Portal doesn't open until the end of August. September is when parents will learn what classes and teachers they will have. Supply lists are on the website. After School program registration opened up today. 8am start time is back in effect. There will be some aids in the lunchroom and gym to watch kids that show up later.

COVID - Gallo requested to continue the testing program in the fall. New policies will be

put in place regarding testing, quarenting, etc. COVID protocol going back to normal, spacing, separation of students, etc will most likely end. Should keep eye monkey poxs. Will there be guidance on Monkeypox protocols? Gallo - nurse will coordinate with the local health department and communicate with the school. We will be keeping hand washing. Sanitizing stations, etc that will be kept in place.

Hadnot - Board survey results are in. Main point is the transition of the board and new members being properly introduced. JM - asks when the transition window will be activated? XH - within the next two months to develop. Have previous members sit down with new board members to explain our roles, responsibilities, and how to communicate that to the community. JM - if board members miss two meetings in a row, they can be voted out. XH - looking for people in the community to take over JM's board position.

Committees Meetings:

Governance Keisha Carter - Met on 7/28 reviewed staff policies. Pieces that we need to add to policies ex: drug use, adding the foster care into the parenting piece. Board self evaluation. Board goals need to be updated. Speak to Matt Lee about those policies and language. Gallo - Board goals are specifically what the board wants to accomplish.

Curriculum: Nathalie Lazu chair - Curriculum assessment has been put in place. Reviewed scores in ELA in math. Student retention low - caused by COVID. 6 graders struggling the most. Tests were taken in May/June. Proposing activities such as math club or other supporting groups, smaller construction - Dream Box Learning, Youth Groups - basic skills. Children struggle with math because they don't know how to read well. Help with academic development over the summer. Earn points for returning the package - incentive kids. Try to make the home to school connection. Scores should be sent to parents.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

RESOLUTIONS:

2208-01 - Budget Summary: Moved by: LH, 2nd: JM: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-02 - Budget Summary: Moved by: KM, 2nd: LH Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-03 - SBA Financial Report (2021 -2022) : Moved by: LH, 2nd: JM: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-04 - Approval to Void Checks: Moved by: KC,, 2nd: KM: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-05 - Personnel Appointment (Theater Camp) Moved by JM: 2nd KC: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-06 - Personnel Appointment (2022-2023): Moved by LH, 2nd KC: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-07 - Personnel Appointment - Substitutes (2022-2023): Moved by XH, JM 2nd: Resolution Carries - all yes

2208-08 - Healthcare Staffing Agreement: Moved by: KC, KM 2nd: Resolution Carries - all yes

Meeting Adjourned by Xiomara Hadnot : 7:59 pm