

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: September 12, 2022

In Person

Attendance:

Xiomara Hadnot
Nathalie Lazu
Keisha Carter
Heather Goodrich
Lorelle Holway
Kirk Mitchell
Yvette Gonzalez
Anthony McGilchrist
Enid Vallejo-Juste

Officers:

Ralph Gallo
Sonia Torres
Geoff Keitel

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

Open Public Meeting Act Notice:

Two Resolutions:

Acceptance of Board Member Resignation: 22009-01: Julie Mitchell

Moved by Anthony and Lorelle / All Accepted – Resolution Carries

New Board Member Appointment 2209-02: Heather

Moved by Lorelle / Gonzalez / All Accepted – Resolution Carries

Heather G:

Approval of 8/1/22 Minutes

Carter moves / Anthony seconds / All in favor – Meetings Approved

Director's Report:

RALPH:

Enrollment Update: We have 3 K's no-show. We have 10 days to wait and if not we will fill up 3 spots. 360 for the remainder of the year.

1st Week Back: Excellent start to the school year, everyone is excited and happy. It's going to be a wonderful year and everyone is happy to be here. KM: If twins apply and only 1 gets accepted what happens? RG: The 2nd twin goes to waiting list

Lunch Vendor: We have a new lunch vendor, fulfilling a promise from the end of last year. Cooked fresh daily in a kitchen in Hackensack. Sonia and I took a trip for a taste and it was really good! With some changes in the prices are going up to \$5.50. Hopefully it will be worth it. We will get a lunch menu out this week and start in October.

Start Strong Assessment: State mandates, all schools must do this. It's a single test for each subject. Takes some training and planning for staff as well. Looking to have the testing: Sept 28, 29 and 30th. We will have results immediately and we can use the data to some degree. We just received NJSLA data that will be mailed out over the next week. XH: In the past, we have had presentations compared to public schools. RG: Yes, we will present those in the next Board meeting. It's mandated.

Summer Recap: We have a presentation to share with the Staff. The most obvious thing that has changed are the Facility updates. We have changed over the course of 3 months.

FACILITY UPDATES

- + New Resource Room
- + New Phone System
- + New + Improved Security Cameras (Sonia + Ralph we have screens to look at all the cameras in the building – major improvement)
- + Outdoor Basketball Court Resurfacing + Additional Hoops
- + Privacy Screening on Fence
- + New Parking Lot Signage – More signs coming No Trespassing / Security Cameras, etc
- + Vending Machines for Student and Faculty
- + Additional Lockers (Upstairs) Coming Soon – we were short about 8 lockers, more coming this week

+ Summer "Reset" of the Building

+ Faculty Room Updated

KM – Have we tried making Chestnut a one way. RG: We were shutdown, residential area

PERSONNEL UPDATES: by Sonia:

Fresh Faces / See Chart

1st Grade Teacher

7/8 Math

7/8 SS

Spanish

Special Ed

TCCS Coordinators + Chairs

Committees: See Chart

RALPH: 2022 – 2023 District Focus Goals:

1. Advance Planning + Preparation: Better planning/regular scheduled meetings / live calendar for all school events Updated regularly so everyone knows when events are happening.
2. Student Behavior + Discipline: Clear policies and consistent enforcement + accountability. We are going to record all things in real time so parents have documentation of detention, behavior issues. Track Record
3. Renewed Experiential Learning Opportunities: Field Trips, PBL + Electives / Prices will be increased with fields trips due to inflation and loss of \$\$\$\$. Nathalie: Ever considered getting our own busses? RG: That's a great idea, we have looked into it but not sure that is something we can handle right now.
4. 21st Century Skills: Chromebook initiative with new keyboarding and digital literacy programs (3-8) Digital literacy / Key board classes
5. School Safety + Security: As previously mentioned, new cameras, signage
6. Student Achievement: We want our kids to continue to grow. Nathalie: Electives: Why not also K? RG: We don't have enough personal and it's more of a schedule obstacle.

SLT Update: Yvette Skaff: Not much to report but lots of positive feedback. Teachers' lounge, we had met with the Teachers Union and making the teachers feel worthy and special. We got a lot of positive feedback from all that. Now we will regroup and have a system in place.

Mentoring Program:

There is a teacher shortage and we are fully staffed. The new project right now is keeping things going and positive. Let's not move backwards.

OLD Business:

1. Construction update: all done, passed inspection,
2. Gym Rental Agreement: We are in a position to rent out the gym. An organization, one of our parents from TCCS runs, would like to rent it out. We have an agreement, attorney has approved and Friends of TCCS approved. It's about \$125 per hour.

New Business:

1. Finance met today at 6pm. We reviewed the Check Register and the Financial Report. There is an audit that begins in the Fall, end of September. Delta T Group – Tempered position not actively using right now – do we still need it? Discussed School Dr Dolores – she will be working with the school nurse. We discussed Field trips – there is a budget now for the school year. We discussed Lunch Vendor: Friendship House – 1 year contract. ESEA Grant – How the funding breaks own for teaching and learning? Program incentives. Report by Enid.

RESOLUTIONS:

2209-03: Budget Summary: Anthony moved / Holway second: No comments: Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Resolution Carries

2209-04: SBA Financial Report – June 2022: Moved by Mitchell / 2nd Anthony : Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Resolution Carries

2209-05: Personnel Appointments 2022-2023: Holway moves / Gonzalez 2nd / Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes / Mitchell yes – Resolution Carries

2209-06: Personnel Appointments 2022-2023 Extracurricular: Moved by Holway / 2nd Mitchel

Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Resolution Carries

2209-07: Personnel Appointments 2022-2023: Moved by Carter / Anthony Second / Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes / Mitchell Yes / Hadnot Yes Resolution Carries

2209-08: Job Description (Behaviorist): Moved by Holway / Second Gonzalez: Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes / Hadnot Yes / Mitchell

yes – Resolution Carries

2209-09: Staffing Agreement: Mitchell moves / Carter 2nd: Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Resolution Carries

2209-10: School Physician: Moved by Carter / 2nd Mitchell / Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Resolution Carries

2209-11: Soccer Referees: Moved by Carter / Anthony 2nd / Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – / Mitchell no Resolution Carries

2209-12: Lunch Vendor Agreement: Moved Holway / Enid 2nd : Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Mitchel – Enid yes Resolution Carries

2209-13: Gym Rental Agreement: Carter moves / Holway 2nd: Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Mitchel yes / Resolution Carries

2209-14: Acceptance of Resignations: Holway moved / Anthony second: Carter Yes / Gonzalez Yes / Lozu Yes / Goodrich Yes / Enid Yes / Anthony Yes – Mitchel yes / Resolution Carries

Meeting is adjourned at 810pm