

Teaneck Community Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from Meeting: 5/8/23

In Person & Virtually Recorded

Meeting called to order: Xiomara Hadnot Called to order at 7:08pm

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Yvette Gonzalez

Open Public Meetings Act notice read by Xiomara Hadnot

Approval of minutes from 4/17/23 - K Mitchell & McGillchrist motion all approve minutes.

Ralph speaks to the online audience explaining that this is our first virtually recorded meeting. Happy Teachers Appreciation week and National Charter School Week. 359 student count, turnover in grades 6 & 7. We are working down the waitlist in 3 graders. Waiting on confirmations to fill that one available spot.

NJSLA testing - currently testing for 3&4th grades, next week 5&6th grades. Huge change of how tests are technically run, so much better online experience. Kids are more accustomed to testing. One more week of testing 7 & 8 grades then completed with testing. No issues with testing.

Presentations: 1st - recap of safety and security features. Focus on communication with parents, how we respond during emergencies. Information will be added to the parent handbook. Responses, drills, guidance from law enforcement, etc. TCCS safety & security Measures - memorandum of Agreement and Safety Drill Records. MOA lays out response responsibilities, etc. with the police department and fire department. Police & FD make recommendations on improvements. Bergen County prosecutor's office site visit every 4 years, inspect and make recommendations.

Presentation: <https://bit.ly/tccs-ss2223>

2nd Presentation - **State of the School:** <https://bit.ly/22-23-TCCS-SOTS>

Curriculum Update:

Ralph: Enrollment update - 359 students, 1 open spot, 3rd grade.

Ralph: Facility Update - See safety & security presentation.

Ralph - Leader Evaluation can be based on the State of the School presentation.

Sonia: Teacher & Staff appreciation week. Want to thank TCSCO for the passports, date and picture of staff when they were hired with an inspirational quote and a door tag to request a beverage. Activities include: Monday breakfast for staff, Tuesday or Wednesday breakfast from the board Thursday, Beverage cart and Friday - Added a flier to kids backpacks for daily activities for teacher appreciation week. Thank you to the board, TCSCO and staff for putting this together.

Sonia: End of Year Update - Aspire Yoga classes were successful, working on parent and staff activity May 22nd, once details are confirmed they will be passed out.

Career Day - So many families shared with the students, huge success, inspired and dressed up after.

Book Fair & Special Persons Day - K-2 and 3 & 4th grades separated. Thank you to the students who performed and attendees.

PBIS Trips - Terhune park tickets - 85 students registered 1st - 4th graders. This Wednesday planned Teaneck Cinema field days. May 15th Turtle Back Zoo, 17th - 19th Frost Valley, 6/9 - Add dates and activities here:

June 14th Graduation 6pm. June 20th

Xiomara: New Business

Finance Meeting - Audit completed for June 30th 2022 fiscal year. Phil walked finance through the audit - results NO FINDINGS which is the goal. Extensive review, but overall successful, everything in order, great feedback. Thank you to Tom.

Governance - Met last week, parent surveys being brought in. Send out a reminder to parents to get as much feedback as possible. After all state testing is completed students will fill out their surveys. The Board of Trustee candidate application will soon open, meet the candidates with the Board, discuss board training, and need to schedule a board retreat - online 2-4 hour meeting. Covered the leader evaluation, soon to be renamed, mandated policy updates, reading after committee meetings and had a follow up to a special board meeting. Policies - Cannabis Law 4119 needed to be added to current policy. Add policy here: Policies - Paid Leave Notice - Add policy here: Policies - Adoption/ Foster Care : Add policy here: Policies: NJSLA Domestic & Sexual Violence- Add policy here:

Communications - goal was to discuss Breakfast with Board

Upcoming trips:

Ralph - Sharing Agenda & Resolutions - Add agenda here:

Attendance[Board Members Present](#)

Yvette Gonzalez - absent

Xiomara Hadnot

Anthony McGilchrist

Kirk Mitchell -

Lorelle Holway

Enid Vallejo-Juste

Keisha Carter

Heather Goodrich

Nathalie Lazu

[Administrators Present](#)

Ralph Gallo

Sonia Torres

Geoffery Keitel - ex officio member

Committees Meetings:

Governance: Xiomara Hadnot/ Anthony McGilchrist -

Curriculum: Xiomara Hadnot/ Nathalie Lazu - Curriculum Updates-

Communication: Xio Hadnot -

Public Comment:

RESOLUTIONS:

2305-01 - Budget Summary: Moved by Mitchell 2nd EVJ : All Yes

2305-02 SBA Financial Reports 2023 Moved by Hollway 2nd Mitchell: All Yes

2305-03 Acceptance of Audit for 2022 Fiscal Year: Moved by Hallwoy, 2nd EVJ: All Yes

2305-04 Online BOard of Trustees Election June 12th 2023: Moved by McGilchrist 2nd Carter: All Yes

2305-05 Revised 2022/2023 School Year Calendar: Moved by Mitchell, 2nd Goodrich: All Yes

2305-06- Field Trips: Moved by Mitchell, 2nd Lazo: All Yes

2305-07 - Acceptance of Retirement of Phyllis Puzio Moved by Goodrich, 2nd McGilchrist: All Yes

2305-08 - Alternative Title (Lead Person/ Director of Technology & Operations) Moved by Carter, 2nd Holway: All yes

2305-09 - Teacher Appointments for 2023-2024 Appointments: Moved by Goodrich, 2nd Lazu: All yes

2305-10 - Paraprofessional Appointments for the 2023-2024: Moved by Lazu, 2nd Mitchell: All Yes

2305-11 - Child Study Team Rehire: Moved by Lazu, 2nd EVJ: All Yes

2305-12 - Support Staff Appointments: Moved by Mitchell, 2nd Carter: All Yes

2305-13 - Administrator Appointments: Moved by Carter, 2nd Carter: All Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26pm