

TMCS Board Minutes

January 27, 2015

The January meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by President April Hatch. Attending board members and staff were: Mary Murray, Deb Phillips, Cathey Chet, Tanya Blackford, Laresa Griffin and Denise Pesce.

Agenda was approved; motion made by Laresa, seconded by Deb. Motion carried.

Minutes were approved with corrections; motion made by Mary, seconded by April. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Denise

Principal Survey: 60 responses so far, survey will be closing February 15. A separate survey will be sent out to board and teachers. Summaries of surveys will be distributed after the process is complete.

Open enrollment and open house, Feb 10 from 4-6pm – 30 applications so far, re-enrollment rate is currently 100%.

There was a break-in at the school in December. The window and door in the middle school science room was broken and an old laptop was taken. Server was not working with security system so nothing was recorded at the time of the break-in. The hard drive has since been replaced.

There will be a report coming out mid-February that gives NC schools a composite grade based on growth of students who take EOGs (20%) and student scores (80%). TMCS letter grade is a C because of low math scores. Other subjects were competitive. Math has been a focus of the school but a small population with low scores carries a heavy impact. We have exceeded our growth but math scores remain low. We have a new math teacher and a new math program.

Website – the website needs to be a marketing tool and we need to have something we can drive people to for information, whether they are current or prospective families of TMCS. Couple of options: Allison Marketing Group or Randy Chet. Randy is less expensive and can do the work to make it more functional.

We were awarded additional PRC29 money. We applied for a behavioral support grant of \$28k but received \$12k initially; however, there was extra money available so the full \$28k was funded after all. This will cover Doni's salary and benefits and we would have enough money left over for a new website. Mary moved that we give this additional money to Denise to cover website expenses; seconded by April. Motion carried.

We hired Daphne Kirkwood to work the GNAR. We are adding a 5K to the event. Daphne is working with the GNAR committee to make this a more successful and bigger event.

Annual Fund: Mary reported that there has been no communication from grade reps assigned to call families. It is unclear if grade reps have their lists. Denise will send updated versions of who has given and who is outstanding. She will then determine split of committee and board and who should call. She will also investigate why no paypal emails are coming through so we can better keep up with those donations.

2015-16 school calendar is available. We are trying to coincide with Henderson County Public Schools traditional calendar as much as possible, but theirs comes out much later. Motion to approve the calendar was made by Deb; seconded by Tanya. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising Committee – no meeting/no report

Communications Committee – no meeting/no report

Public Relations Committee – no meeting/no report

Future Planning Committee – Denise and Kim met with Luther Smith, a local landscape designer, who took a look at the property and offered some options on expansion of the school. He would like to establish a team of interested people to review his ideas and look further into our options. April moved for Denise to meet with Luther again to see how much of an investment it will be to discuss further and get real plans; seconded by Laresa. Motion carried. We need everyone present for the February meeting to discuss expansion. We will have to increase class size to bring in more revenue. We started the year with 182 students, now we are at 175. Unfortunately, no additional funds are given after ADM in the fall.

Mary reported that a friend of hers will give us a free appraisal on the lots in the Little River area in hopes to sell those soon.

Nomination and Board Training Committee – no meeting. April mentioned that we will lose three board members in May so we need to be recruiting.

Executive Committee – no meeting/no report

On no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mary, seconded by April. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laresa M. Griffin

TMCS Board Secretary

