

## TMCS Board Minutes

November 25, 2014

The November meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by President April Hatch. Attending board members and staff were: Dan Poeta, Colette Summit, Kim Hogan, Myra Watkins, Mary Murray, Deb Phillips, Cathey Chet, Kristy Pace, Tanya Blackford, Laresa Griffin and Denise Pesce. Public attendee: Colby Coren.

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

Minutes were approved; motion made by Myra, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

### Principal Report: Denise

We currently have over \$6,000 in the annual fund. Board members are calling every parent to ask them to give. Goal is 100% participation. We had a great turnout for the annual fund drive kickoff. An incentive to give was to be able to duct tape Denise to the wall.

TMCS holiday program will be held Tuesday, December 2 at 6pm at Blue Ridge Community College TEDC. All board members are encouraged to attend. Kelly Stike will speak on behalf of the board and remind parents of the annual fund.

Denise had a 3-hour visit with Keebler, a new employee with the Charter Schools Division of DPI. Suggestions were made and will be considered but we were not out of compliance on anything. Denise and Keebler will have a follow up conversation by phone next week.

The first year of expeditionary learning is going very well. School mural will be completed this week. During half days, kids spend two hours in CREW (a character ed program) and work in groups to do teambuilding activities. Staff development is held during those afternoons. Plans are to roll out service learning in the second half of the year or at beginning of next year.

Representative Chuck McGrady visited the school. He is now the head of the Education Appropriations Committee for NC. Denise made a connection with him to have a heads up about legislation. He suggested she meet with Tom Apodaca before the end of the school year.

### Committee Reports:

- Fundraising Committee has a number of current fundraisers: poinsettia sale, candle sale, holiday raffle of iPads. A big thank you to Kim and Dan who purchased iPads for this raffle.
- Communications Committee discussed the meetings with Chuck McGrady and Tom Apodaca. They are working on an alumni database. Plans are to send them information about the school and current events and keep them involved. Future plans are to have a reunion for TMCS alumni. Lori has agreed to help with this event.
- Community (PR) Committee did not meet this month.
- Future Planning Committee met this week and discussed a possible school expansion in order to keep up with our goals. As TMCS only receives 73% of the funding of traditional public schools, expansion is one idea to increase revenue. Architect Luther Smith is coming December 3 to look at possibilities. We have taken ideas from Ken Gaylord and will be discussing with teachers. Options will be discussed in future meetings and a long-range plan is needed.
- Executive committee met and created a principal survey, which was sent to the board for review last week. Suggested edits will be made and the survey will be distributed next week.

- PTC – Jeanette Butterworth is doing a great job with PTC. Thanks to her for all the hard work. Presentations are being held at each meeting to bring higher attendance and more involvement from parents.

Denise met with Jackson Park about opening the gate on the other side of our parking lot. They plan to take the request to the board and will let us know after their meeting in January. Hendersonville Police Department agrees there is a problem with traffic flow and it is a dangerous situation but they cannot be there every afternoon to patrol or direct traffic.

December 13 at 5:30pm – board and PTC are invited to Cathey Chet’s home for a holiday get-together. Bring an appetizer and a gift to exchange.

Tanya Blackford mentioned an endowment, saying three families have offered to give \$500 each to start it. We need \$5,000 to start an endowment at Community Foundation of Henderson County. One idea would be to sell some of our land. Other ideas and discussions will be held at a later date.

Guest and new School Board member Colby Coren was thanked for coming. He thanked the board and leadership of the school for the hard work being done and he looks forward to a return visit soon during school hours.

Board went into closed session to discuss a funding meeting in Charlotte, sponsored by Richard Vinroot and his team. Two amendments have been passed, which Denise will send out. We will be working on advocacy around these two amendments and will discuss in future meetings about possibly joining the North Carolina Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

With no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan, seconded by Myra. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laresa M. Griffin

TMCS Board Secretary