

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

October 21, 2019

Members Present: Cindy Denkenberger, Stuart Young, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Krysta Austen, Elaine Sturges, Beth Klein, John Tillotson and Tom Brown.

Others present: Sara Petit-McClure, Patty Dawson, Lydia Aris-Brown, Kay Reakes, Leaf Carmer, Kathie Arnold, and Levi Sutton.

President Cindy Denkenberger called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Community Comments

Kay Reakes reported that the Tri-Town Harvest fest went well and showed great cooperation amongst our community organizations. Patty Dawson reported that Pumpkin fest also went well. We met new families with interest in enrolling their children. Sara Petit-McClure reported that the Truxton Fire Department held a safety program. Chris Austen and Eldon Stevens presented to a very engaged student audience.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Stuart Young, seconded by Elaine Sturges, to adopt the minutes from the regular BOT Meeting held September 9, 2019. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Korinne L'Hommedieu, seconded by Tom Brown, to adopt the minutes from the special BOT Meeting held October 9, 2019. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Beth Klein, to accept the report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Elaine Sturges, seconded by John Tillotson, to move to Executive Session at 7:29pm to discuss personnel issues. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Korinne L'Hommedieu, to exit Executive Session at 8:00pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Beth Klein, to create the Truxton Academy Charter School Leadership Council. The council should consist of 2 board members, 2 teachers and the head of school and meet regularly, as determined by the group, to discuss operations, challenges, and such, offering regular communication to lead to solutions. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Opening comments

Sara Petit-McClure reported that the start of school has continued with fun and meaningful learning for the kids with Sensory table building in the Kindergarten class and multi class game creations in Spanish.

Cindy Denkenberger reported on a visit from SUNY CSI Executive Director, Susie Carello. Susie visited Trinity Valley Dairy Farm with our students on our first field lesson! She toured our school and spent time talking with some Board members. She offered resources and connections to help us as we grow.

New Business

Cindy reported that Drop off and Pick up changes have been requested by the town to ensure safety of

students and our crossing guard. Cindy, Levi and Kay will form a committee and work with Sara, as needed, to implement changes.

Sara reported that Benefit packages, Student and Employee handbooks are under final review.

Tom reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on October 28th to discuss CSP budget review.

Sara reported that field lessons are being planned for SUNY Morrisville and Beans Christmas Tree farm, using Homer CSD transportation.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance Committee

Report attached.

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Beth Klein, to accept report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee

Report attached. Stuart Young reported that Valorie Gunther has started as the Special Ed Coordinator. We are still in need of a half time Spanish teacher. We are also in need of finding an ELL teacher as Homer is unable to share services. Cindy will check with superintendents at Tully and Fabius-Pompey to see if they can share this service.

Motion by Korinne L'Hommedieu, seconded by Krysta Austen, to accept report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Krysta Austen, to expand the search for a Spanish teacher utilizing up to \$50.00 as needed for the next month.

Facilities Committee

No report submitted. Levi Sutton reported that the elevator repair has not been scheduled yet and he will follow up to schedule. Also, the boiler tubes are getting replaced and the boilers will be functioning by the end of the week.

Curriculum Committee

No Report submitted.

Marketing Committee

Report attached.

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Stuart Young, to accept report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Special Committee Reports

Nutrition Committee

No report submitted.

Professional Advisory Committee.

No Report submitted.

Transportation Committee

Report attached.

Motion by Krysta Austen, seconded by John Tillotson, to accept report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee

Report attached.

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Tom Brown, to accept report. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events

Oct 24-25 Northeast Charters Conference, Syracuse, NY
Oct 25 Staff Development – BOT to meet with staff at 1:45pm

Adjournment

Motion by Elaine Sturges, seconded by John Tillotson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary