

# Truxton Academy Charter School

## Regular Board Meeting

**November 18, 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, Victor Siegle, and others.

President Cindy Denkenberger called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

### **Community Comments**

Julie Eaton, PTO member, advised of a PTO fundraiser selling popcorn.

Grace Shilliff, PTO President, advised that the PTO group will be requesting from Truxton Community Center, to share their existing Amazon Smile account or if they should start their own.

Grace also reported that Friday, 11/22, the PTO will be holding their Beddy Bye Book event from 6pm to 7pm. Stories will be read, books have been donated to give out to children attending and there will be fundraising raffles for parents in attendance.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Korinne L'Hommedieu, seconded by Tom Brown, to adopt the minutes from the regular BOT Meeting held October 21, 2019. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Opening comments**

Sara Petit-McClure reported that tomorrow is the field lesson at SUNY Morrisville for first and second graders to pick up the eggs for the Trout in Classroom program. All grades have been involved in prepping for the program. The Kindergarten class will stay for an onsite field lesson with a visiting group from Baltimore Woods. All grades have been involved with and excited with our growing towers. Variances in each tower have resulted in questions that have sparked additional projects. The growing tower project has been very successful! On December 20, all grades will go on a field lesson to Hill of Beans Christmas Tree Farm for snowshoeing and identifying different trees.

Stuart Young reported that he and Cindy Denkenberger have begun regular meetings with the Head of School to establish better communication between the Board and school operations.

Cindy Denkenberger reported that the Leadership Council consisting of Board Members Stuart Young and Beth Klein, teachers Marci Francis and Heather Boyden and volunteer coordinator Kay Reakes, has been established. The council will begin meeting weekly to discuss challenges and problem solving ideas.

Patty Dawson reported that the New York Charters Conference was very worthwhile. It was encouraging and provided useful tools that can be implemented at Truxton Academy. It also offered good information for attending members to bring back and share with teachers and administrators at the staff meeting that afternoon.

## **New Business**

Motion by Beth Klein, seconded by John Tillotson, to procure an additional TACS credit card with a \$1,000 credit limit with Sara Petit-McClure as the guarantor. This would allow up to \$1,000 of purchasing with a credit card over a month with prior approval from Board President. Motion by Stuart Young, seconded by Krysta Austen, to nominate Sarah Stevens as the Parent Representative Board Member. This position is a two year, voting member, term. Orientation and training will be provided. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **Board Committee Reports:**

### *Finance Committee*

Report attached.

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

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Elaine Sturges, to retroactively approve TACS First Quarter budget as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth Klein, seconded by Krysta Austen, to approve the amended CSP budget as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Beth Klein, seconded by John Tillotson, to approve the 3 year contract from Melissa Garber Consulting Group, LLC, for e-Rate services at a cost of \$2,000 per year. All in favor, abstention by Korinne L'Hommedieu. Motion carried.

### *Personnel Committee*

Report attached.

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

### *Facilities Committee*

Report attached.

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

### *Curriculum Committee*

No Report submitted.

### *Marketing Committee*

No Report submitted.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### *Nutrition Committee*

No report submitted.

### *Professional Advisory Committee.*

No Report submitted.

Lydia Aris-Brown reported that SUNY Morrisville has agreed to partner with Truxton Academy in implementing our Farm to School program.

### *Transportation Committee*

No report submitted.

### *Fundraising Committee*

Report attached.

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

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Stuart Young, to approve sale of Cortland County Discount Cards by the fundraising committee. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Events**

Nov 19 Trout in the Classroom Field Lesson  
Nov 27-29 No School Thanksgiving  
Dec 9 Board Meeting  
Dec 20 Bean's Tree Farm Field Lesson  
Dec 23-Jan 1 No School Christmas Break

**Adjournment**

Motion by John Tillotson, seconded by Beth Klein, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary