

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

April 18, 2021

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on Monday, April 11, 2021.

A quorum of 7 trustees out of 8 total number of trustees was present as follows:

Members Present: In person: Tom Brown, Stuart Young, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Sarah Stevens

Remote: Krysta Austen, Cindy Denkenberger, Dave Amberg

Members Absent Beth Klein

Others present: In person: Patty Dawson. Remote: Sara Petit-McClure, Leaf Carmer, Victor Siegle, Bri Smith, Madysen Eckhardt, Heather Boyden.

President Stuart Young called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Meeting March 14, 2022, were presented. Having no objections, minutes were accepted as presented. Approved with minor corrections.

Community Comments

None

Korinne provided the Treasurer's Report then left at 7:19pm.

Treasurer's Report attached. Korinne reported that the bank balance is very satisfactory. Adding on projections for balance of year - revenue will be unfavorable to finish out the year by about \$39,000. Expenses have remained favorable YTD, if remain so, forecast will be favorable. Balance will be upwards of \$54,000. Budget committee has been working on 21-22 and 22-23 comparisons. Projection is favorable. Does not include per-pupil funding from districts. Staffing is dependent on final revenue.

School Report

Brianna Smith reported on her first-grade class activities. Report attached. Chicks and incubation have been very engaging. Chicks have hatched and are being cared for. The class is moving forward with learning the differences with raising grown up chickens. They had an adult chicken visit. They are acting as the "mother hen".

[Sara Petit-McClure](#) reported on a few Field Lessons. The students visited Maple Syrup Sugar Bush and Sugar Shack at Heiberg Forest. All classes were able to attend, being shuttled by our Truxton Academy bus! K and K/1 class will be visiting Twin Oaks Dairy to learn about dairy farming, Spring on the farm, etc. The incubation project was multi-classrooms. The students are working on a way to keep their new chickens and how to provide an appropriate outdoor habitat.

Grade 3 and 4 ELA State Assessments are complete. Next week will be Math Assessments and 4th grade will have Science at the end of May.

Leaf reported monthly enrollment numbers. Report attached. Dave asked if there are any districts we are surprised by with low numbers. Krysta mentioned that Homer is lower than we anticipated. Tom agreed and feels we are all aware of what needs to be worked on.

Leadership Council

No Report submitted. No meeting was held due to illness.

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee

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No Report submitted.

Personnel Committee

No Report submitted. Cindy reported that the committee is working on formal Head of School assessment. Parts of the assessment are being worked on with other committees as well. The next meeting is scheduled on April 27. The committee is still interviewing applicants for the Teaching Assistant position. Sara reported that the Goal Setting document from SUNY CSI will help and the new dashboard as well.

Facilities Committee

No Report submitted. Leaf reported that the lighting grant work was completed last week. Tom will review that all lights are completed in the bleacher area. The tenant currently using upstairs classrooms is vacating now. Rooms will be available in May.

Curriculum Committee

Report attached. Tom asked regarding previous meeting if committee is using MAPS assessments to help in decision making. Cindy answered yes.

Marketing Committee

No Report submitted. No meeting held.

Special Committee Reports

Nutrition Committee

No report submitted.

Professional Advisory Committee

No Report submitted.

Transportation Committee

No Report submitted. Tom asked if any employees were interested in becoming certified to drive the bus, they may want to get together to share in the process as it has been difficult to get proper training and licensing done.

Educational Excellence Committee (formerly Fundraising Committee)

Report attached.

Rural Life Lab Committee (formerly Agriculture Committee)

No Report submitted. Sara reported that the committee has focused on 2 areas, garden and curriculum. Garden team has been working hard to get the gardens started. Soil testing has been done. Kathie Arnold is donating hay and they are reaching out for tilling partners. Dave reminded that a wish list would be helpful for fundraising and grant finding.

Old Business

Patty reported that a successful Lottery was held on April 4. The report is attached. Sara reminded that numbers are still tentative as not all current students have committed. Leaf also reminded that not all lottery winners have returned paperwork to accept their student's spot so wait list students will be called starting tomorrow.

Sara shared that the SUNY pre-visit call will be held on Wednesday. Sara will share the schedule for May 4 visit when she has it. The instructional team is looking for clarification on work samples, as we are much smaller than other schools. Patty asked Sara to share whatever she may need from the board and reminded members of the evening Board interview.

New Business

Stuart Young requested that Sara share her news. Sara shared her resignation letter which is attached. August 31, 2022 will be her last day. She is willing to provide consulting services if the Board so desires. Stuart shared appreciation on behalf of the Board on Sara's success, experience and devotion to our school and its students. We will begin searching for a successor. A letter will be prepared to be shared with families and the job posting will go out tomorrow.

It was suggested that we establish a special HOS hiring committee to include a staff member and parent member. Stuart requested Board members to email either Cindy or himself with suggestions or comments.

School Events

MAY 4 SUNY CSI visit and Board Interview

MAY 30 No School - Memorial Day

Adjournment

Motion by Sarah Stevens, seconded by Tom Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm. None opposed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary