

# Truxton Academy Charter School

## Regular Board Meeting

**September 12, 2022**

Notice was provided on our website, [www.truxtonacademy.org](http://www.truxtonacademy.org) on Monday, September 5, 2022.

**Quorum as 8 trustees out of 8 total number of trustees was present as follows:**

**Members Present:** Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Cindy Denkenberger, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Dave Amberg, Sarah Stevens, and Beth Klein. Krysta Austen arrived at 7:18pm.

**Members Absent:**

**Others present:** Patty Dawson, Kerryanne Schenck, Leaf Carmer, Lydia Aris-Brown, Kay Reakes, Matt McIntyre.

**Public Hearing** – Stuart Young called the public hearing to order to for comments on Truxton Academy SAVE Plan 7:00pm. No comments were shared.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public comments** - Kay Reakes reported that a parent commented to her that the school seemed locked tighter than previous. Kerryanne reported that security has been changed after school begins. Forefront of education is health and safety, not keeping anyone out. Kay wants to be sure that school is still a community school. Comments were received and will be discussed further.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting August 8, 2022 were presented and corrections given by Stuart Young. Hearing no objections, minutes were accepted as presented.

### **School Report**

See attached. Kerryanne reported Leadership Council is being revamped to more rigor in classroom than grievance based. She shared some upcoming school events. Enrollment is at 100 students. State test scores are out to parents, cannot be shared publicly at this time. Cannot include with SUNY accountability plan that is due this week because NYS will submit on Wednesday. We need to get ELA curriculum aligned throughout the school. Kerryanne would like to plan for a discussion on re-charter.

Korinne asked about getting our ELA curriculum aligned, what does that mean. Kerryanne shared that we are not using the same programs grade level to grade level and she feels that is causing a challenge. She also feels that because schools our students will be heading out to use that CKLA will make it easier for their transition. She is receiving some pushback from teachers with concerns that this curriculum doesn't allow for PBL. Kerryanne feels even though it is very scripted, there is room and ways to incorporate the PBL. She is concerned with Math as well, teachers love investigations, all are using it, but there are gaps. Kay asked about tablets, Kerryanne reported that kiddos do use it, there is some frustration, but most are adaptive. She would like to meet to discuss more thoroughly with curriculum committee.

Korinne also asked about students who left. Leaf reported that all but 2 were returning. We have not received exit surveys from families, so we do not have specific reasons.

### **Leadership Council**

Did not meet.

## **Board Committee Report**

### *Finance Committee*

Treasurer's Report attached. Korinne reported that bank balance remains healthy. We have 3 districts are in arrears approximately \$95k. We have submitted September invoices. With losing 9 students, that reduces our revenue by approximately \$100k so we will have to watch budget very closely. Leaf does not feel we will lose more students. Some reimbursements have come in, none outstanding are in dispute. Audit is getting finalized and will be presented for approval at our October meeting.

### *Finance Committee*

Report attached.

Motion by Korinne L'Hommedieu, seconded by Beth Klein, to approve a new bank line of credit for \$10,000.00 with (3) three cards issued as follows:

Kerryanne Schenck - \$3,000.00 limit to be used for day-to-day purchases such as Amazon, and vendors that won't extend credit such as Indeed, Identigo, etc.

Korinne L'Hommedieu - \$2,000.00 limit to be used for Intuit for payroll fees and QBs annual charge.

Tom Brown - \$3,000.00 limit for Google and Facebook ads and other marketing needs.

Use of this line of credit still falls under our established purchasing policy and includes a special circumstance increase as needed. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### *Personnel Committee*

No report attached. Kerryanne welcomed Judith Sands as our new 4th grade teacher, with great experience. She is very happy with our mission and dedicated to helping improve our curriculum. Kay remarked at how kind and nurturing she is. Board will discuss approval at executive session. MaryBeth DeFlorio is continuing in a per diem Special Ed consulting role.

### *Facilities Committee*

No report attached. Leaf reported that we are approx. 20% of the way through the NYSED paperwork. Tom reported that we ordered 8k gallons of heating oil.

### *Curriculum Committe*

Report attached. Cindy asked for committee members to share availability so they can get a next meeting scheduled.

### *Marketing Committee*

Report attached. Lydia reported that the committee met. We have movie night this Friday, and Tully Community Days on Saturday. Looking for faculty input on brochure and updated pictures.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### *Nutrition Committee*

No report submitted. Tom mentioned FB post with new salad bar and it was great. He hopes it will encourage other schools to follow.

### *Professional Advisory Committee*

No report submitted.

### *Transportation Committee*

No Report submitted.

*Educational Excellence Committee (Fundraising Committee)*  
No report submitted.

*Rural Life Lab Committee (formerly Agriculture Committee)*  
No report submitted.

Stuart moved to approve reports as given. With no objections, reports are approved.

### **Old Business**

Tom reported that the new copier is on order, not received yet.

Motion by Krysta Austen, seconded by Tom Brown to approve the Truxton Academy 2022-2023 SAVE Plan as presented. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Lydia reported that the nomination committee would like to present nominee Matt McIntyre for our next board member. Matt shared his desire to see Truxton Academy succeed. He believes in school choice and feels his skillsets in business management and marketing as well as his political connections with local leaders can help spur us on. Tom asked what committees he would want to help on. Safety & Marketing. He has a very successful digital marketing company and could help us in that regard. He would be helpful in grant writing as well as knowing many avenues that could fund us.

Motion by Dave Amberg, seconded by Cindy Denkenberger, to approve Matt McIntyre as the 9th Board Member, filling the second parent representative role. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **7. School/Community Items**

Sept 14 Marketing Meeting 7pm  
Sept 16 Drive-in Movie night at Arlington Acres - Fundraiser  
Sept 17 Tully Community Days – Parade & Info Booth  
Sept 21 Educational Excellence Meeting 6pm  
Sept 26 Save Around Fundraiser PTO run  
Oct 1-2 Selfie Station at Pumpkinfest  
Oct 15-17 NE Charter School Conference

Tom Brown moved, Korinne L'Hommedieu seconded, to enter into executive session, to discuss specific personnel wages and student information at 8:10pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Dave Amberg, to exit executive session at 8:25pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Cindy Denkenberger, to approve Judith Sands as our F/T 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Tom asked for anyone to look into grants for new heating system. Tasking EEC.

### **Adjournment**

Stuart adjourned the meeting at 8:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary