

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

January 11, 2021

Notice was provided on our website, truxtonacademy.org on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Join	Zoom	Meeting
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A quorum of 8 trustees out of 9 total number of trustees was present as follows:

Members Present via Zoom Meeting: Stuart Young, Cindy Denkenberger, David Amberg, Sarah Stevens, Krysta Austen, Beth Klein, Tom Brown, and John Tillotson.

Members Absent: Korinne L’Hommedieu

Others present in person or via Zoom Meeting: Sara Petit-McClure, Leaf Carmer, Patty Dawson, and Kathie Arnold. Carol woodhouse

President Stuart Young called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

PTO members introduced themselves, Cassie Vickery, Treasurer, Faith Tyler, Co-President, not present, Erin Kelly, Co-President, Eric Petit-McClure, Secretary, and Courtney Rivers, back up secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Stuart Young moved to accept the minutes for the BOT Regular Meeting December 11, 2020 and as emailed. Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes are approved.

Head of School Report’s

Sara reported a busy month. There was a COVID exposure that put a large portion of the student and faculty population in quarantine so the whole school switched to virtual learning for a few weeks. K-1 students have been working with animal habitats. Grades 2-3 have been discussing and learning about fire safety. Projects were presented over zoom and brought in after the break. 2-3 students were able to select their own focus, whether fire trucks, fire prevention, etc. Students made maps of safety routes for their homes. These aspects proved great for project-based learning. K-1 students are now studying Community Helpers. It will be a collaborative project as 2-3 students will guide K-1 students. This will be an exciting collaboration among the different grades and to let the older students demonstrate leadership.

Sara also followed up on reported data from our last meeting; student behavior, using school tool, actual incidences vs. student referrals. There were 13 total student referrals, 5 were for no mask on the bus, the majority were for “hands on each other” which were in a playful way that went too far. Faculty and administration will continue to track so interventions can be put into place. We are required to report every End of Year, certain level of incidences to NYSED. Nothing to date would qualify.

Sara, Stuart & Cindy spoke with Suzie Carello– discussing what schools are doing for evaluation when no test scores are available. How else can we capture this data? Jeff Wasbus – Director of Accountability

SUNY CSI suggests developing rubrics to keep rigor and measure qualitative data. How can we measure skills achieved thru PBL? Sara will research incorporating "Active Ingredients" program at Suzie's suggestion. Cindy's take away was also to partner with other charters who will be up for renewal to collaborate.

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Treasurer's report - Korinne L'Hommedieu was unable to attend but sent reports. Tom reported that PPP was put back, and shown as revenue. Budget shows we are in financial good shape.

Finance Committee report attached.

Motion by David Amberg, seconded by Sarah Stevens, for reports to be approved. None opposed. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee

No Report attached.

Facilities Committee

No report submitted. Patty reported that the committee did meet. Discussed next fuel oil fill up date. Levi and Kathie will confirm remaining oil in tank and coordinate best time to fill. Next year school layout with addition of 4th grade may need to incorporate second floor. Kathie will discuss options with Community Center tenants. The small animal barn approval is still pending. We will be looking at possible delivery in May.

Beth Klein moved and Cindy Denkenberger seconded to approve the report. None opposed. Motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

No Report submitted.

Marketing Committee

Report submitted.

Tom Brown made a motion, Dave Amberg seconded, to approve the report. None opposed. Motion carried.

Special Committee Reports

Nutrition Committee.

No report submitted.

Professional Advisory Committee

No report submitted.

Transportation Committee

No report submitted. Tom Brown reported that wrap vs. traditional lettering is still being discussed. DMV licensing is still a challenge. Properly licensed and vetted volunteers would be ideal.

Dave Amber moved, Stuart Young seconded, to approve the report. None opposed. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee

No report submitted.

Old Business

None

New business

Tom Brown reported that COVID vaccinations are being made available to school employees. He hopes it will include volunteers and will continue to follow up. Sara Petit-McClure reminded that regardless of who gets vaccinated, we will have to continue to follow CDC and NYSED guidelines.

Patty reported that longtime community member and school volunteer, Jane Ryan, passed away this weekend. We will acknowledge Jane's contributions and our condolences to husband Rich.

School Events

JAN 18 – no school Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tom Brown moved, seconded by Beth Klein, to move into executive session to discuss an employee's status at 8:08pm. Kathie Arnold, Carol Woodhouse and Leaf Carmer were invited to stay.

Cindy Denkenberger moved, John Tillotson seconded, to exit executive session at 9:15pm. None opposed. Motion carried.

Cindy Denkenberger reported that Rich Ryan resigned effective immediately. The Facility Maintenance position is now being advertised.

Adjournment

Motion by Beth Klein, seconded by John Tillotson, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:16pm. Having no discussion and none opposed, the motion is carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary