

# Truxton Academy Charter School

## Board Meeting Discussion

July 11, 2022

Notice was provided on our website, [www.truxtonacademy.org](http://www.truxtonacademy.org) on Monday, July 4, 2022.

**No quorum as 4 trustees out of 8 total number of trustees was present as follows:**

**Members Present:** Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Cindy Denkenberger, Korinne L'Hommedieu.

**Members Absent:** Dave Amberg Sarah Stevens, Krysta Austen

**Others present:** Patty Dawson, Sara Petit-McClure, Leaf Carmer, Jenny Hull, Kerryanne Schenck, Victor Siegle.

President Stuart Young asked to continue with an informal meeting at 7:09 pm.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Community Comments

Thank you to Victor Siegle for his assistance in getting this project started and off the ground. We could not have succeeded without him. Members shared personal thoughts and thank yous. Victor shared some words as well. We will miss him, but he is only a phone call away!

Stuart announced that Kerryanne Schenck has been hired as our new Head of School. Kerryanne expressed being grateful to be a part of our team and family and is looking forward to leading the school towards our vision.

Sara and Jenny shared student survey results.

We did not receive as many as we would like to see. Many students did not attend last few days when administered. We will administer earlier next year when transportation is still at 100%. See attached.

General satisfaction, scores are lower than last year. Jenny felt it was a challenging year for everyone, perhaps due to changes and rules. Sara mentioned larger class sizes as well, and adding new students to each grade level. Overall, students seem happy with relationships with school family, especially after coming out of COVID. Students felt the pressure of having to move forward academically regardless of the challenges COVID presented.

31 family responses were received.

Most notable likes: Hands on learning, small class/small school, mission, outdoor learning. Many positive comments.

Suggestions are similar to last year.

Tom compared a few surveys from other schools and felt our results are not bad.

Sara will share all data, and will highlight data that best represents our differences as well as school growth and teacher satisfaction, not just results from students we have had for 2 years.

Leaf shared current enrollment information of 94 students. She has projected 109 students for 2022-2023. July billing has already gone out. Next year will include 2 new districts, Marcellus & Lafayette. 5<sup>th</sup> grade has 1 space, 4<sup>th</sup> grade has 3 spaces open. K – 5 all have wait lists. Returning student paperwork will go out in August, welcome packets went out today. Non-returning families = 4 (5 students). Exit surveys have been sent.\*

**Committee members shared information:**

Treasurer shared that cash flow is still positive. Waiting on 3 districts totalling approximately \$15,500. Meeting with NYSED on Spec Ed billing to verify we are doing it correctly. Total gross favorable against expenses. Grant funding for Rural Small School Grant will be awarded again next year. Funding for tech purchases covered by grants. Favorable in expenses related to lack of staffing. Audit for past year will be coming up in August. Leaf and Korinne will be gathering necessary info. Tom remarked that as we understand better on how to plan for Spec Ed, we will be able to project better. The meeting next week with NYSED will help. Need to figure out proper billing cycle. Stuart reported that SUNY CSI at in person visit and interview asked for another set of eyes on finances – he is working as quickly as he can to be ready for audit.

Leaf reported for Facilities that room moves are in progress. Discussed other tasks as well including security.

Patty reported for marketing that the committee decided not to continue with finals site this year and that the Marketing calendar is being finalized and will be shared at next meeting.

Tom reported that the Head of School committee has completed its task and can now be disbanded and will be brought for approval at next board meeting.

Voting of officers for the 2022-2023 school year will be at our next regular meeting on July 11, 2022.

Reminder that Summer School is in session from July 11 – Aug 4.

Discussion ended at 8:39 pm.