

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

October 3, 2022

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on Monday, September 26, 2022.

Meeting called to order by Stuart Young at 7:06pm.

Quorum as 8 trustees out of 9 total number of trustees was present as follows:

Members Present: Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Dave Amberg, Sarah Stevens, and Beth Klein, Krysta Austen, and proposed member Matt McIntyre.

Members Absent: Cindy Denkenberger

Others present: Patty Dawson, Kerryanne Schenck, Leaf Carmer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting September 12, 2022 were presented. Hearing no objections, minutes were accepted as presented.

School Report

Kerryanne reported that all school meetings are being held every Friday with a focus on a character trait. This month's trait is responsibility. Every month teachers will select "students of the month". They will be celebrated at a monthly breakfast with family members. State testing has been released but not yet published so a complete comparison is not available quite yet. "Coffee with Kerryanne" was held at 2 different times today to give parents a chance to have informal, intimate conversations.

Leadership Council

No report submitted.

Board Committee Report

Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report attached. Korinne reported that a few outstanding receivables were found. Leaf reported that McGraw was not billed for invoice 2 of 6, Tully is delayed due to personnel change, Marcellus and Marathon are waiting on attendance, Cortland typically pays after BEDS day, Homer is waiting on records release for a student transferring out. One new student enrolled, one more possible. Bank balance has dropped some due to outstanding invoicing. Expecting to receive it shortly. Lower enrollment is estimated to have us down \$100k. Spending should be okay. Heating is always an "unsure" based on fuel oil prices and weather.

Finance Committee

Report attached. Committee discussed looking for outside help for reconciliation. Initially 20 hours per month, tiered back eventually. Committee will present for action if a suitable situation is found.

Audit Presentation by Jean attached. Jean clarified for Tom that the comparison numbers were based on National charter school data. Comments were based on local charter schools, Syracuse, Utica, etc. Leaf will add the "whistle blower" piece to HR training.

Motion to receive and file by Tom Brown, seconded by Krysta Austen. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee

No report attached. Patty reported on behalf of Cindy Denkenberger a thank you to Krysta Austen for stepping into the role of Chair of the Personnel Committee. Tom asked what positions are open. Kerryanne reported Spec Ed and substitutes.

Facilities Committee

No report attached.

Curriculum Committee

No report submitted. Patty reported on behalf of Cindy Denkenberger thank you to Beth Klein for becoming Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

Marketing Committee

No report submitted.

Special Committee Reports

Nutrition Committee

No report submitted.

Professional Advisory Committee

No report submitted.

Transportation Committee

No Report submitted. First voyage of the school year went out today to Shipwrecked Mini Golf, second is tomorrow.

Educational Excellence Committee (Fundraising Committee)

No report submitted. Dave reported that Matt has joined the committee and added some great ideas for fundraising. Golf invitational is a possibility. Dave again looked into NYSERDA opportunities. The match requirement typically keeps us from applying, Green Clean Energy Funding - system replacement net zero emissions, etc. Dave will follow up with program organizers.

Rural Life Lab Committee (formerly Agriculture Committee)

No report submitted.

Stuart asked for approval of reports as given. With no objections, reports are approved.

Old Business

New Business

Discuss proposed meeting including Head of School, Board of Trustees, Committee Members, PTO President and Volunteer Coordinator to introduce everyone, share mission charges, and provide a clearer

understanding of the existing structure and resources related to the school's governance and volunteer network. Patty suggested that we work on compiling committee info and she will collaborate with Erin, Jamie, Kay and Kerryanne to present a working discussion for an upcoming board meeting.

Tom reported that he has noticed a difference in the school, calmer, quieter, students still smiling, cleanliness. Leaf echoed Tom's comments specifically on kitchen cleanliness.

Kerryanne reported we are in a place with COVID behind us and with our last grade year just ahead of us, that the board can take a retreat to work on a strategic plan for upcoming years, where are we going? Not just rechartering, put a plan on paper. Stuart added that he agreed and felt for this to be truly successful we would need a facilitator. Patty will reach back to Jill Shahan at Empire Charters to discuss availability.

School/Community Items

Oct 7 No School - Professional Development
Oct 10 No School - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
Oct 17 Coffee with Kerryanne 10:30 am
Oct 17 Education Excellence Committee 6:30 pm
Oct 19 Marketing Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 28 Halloween Parade 10:00 am
Oct 28 Trunk or Treat/Haunted Hallway 6:00 pm

Adjournment

Stuart adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Dawson, Recording Secretary