

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

May 13, 2024

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Stuart Young.

Quorum as 5 trustees out of 7 total number of trustees was present as follows:

Members Present: Stuart Young, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Jeff Perry, Tom Brown, Carol Woodhouse

Members Absent: Krysta Austen, Cindy Denkenberger

Others present: Scott Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance

Community Comments

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2024, were sent out to all members for review. There was a correction to minutes for a motion to approve an interest bearing account be opened to hold appropriate funds. Corrected minutes were approved with no objections.

School Report

Scott shared news on upcoming events, currently testing is going on, anxious for gardening, upcoming ribbon cutting. Shared some staffing updates and plans. Carol asked about testing results. Assessment info was shared last month, Tom mentioned that he was encouraged by a conversation with Mrs. Sweeney reporting that her 1st grade students are excelling. Scott shared how RTI is going. Students with increased need have been identified and progress monitoring is being done. Discipline has been a little more challenging recently, nothing major, under control. Scott is helping teachers with frustration. Tom asked about Field Lessons. Scott shared basics for next year's plan for RLL and projects, local resources, etc. being well planned out and scheduled. Enrollment for next year is currently at 100. Discussed plans for continued engagement with prospective students over the summer.

Board Committee Reports

Academic Committee

Report attached - Jeff reported programming - idea about art & music and how we can make it fit comfortably - 4-H opportunities - timing and investment - Jeff discussing with his wife Rebecca. making part of the school - Community involvement would improve. moving away from CKLA to iReady Reading - Jeff's cousin is Elem Principal at Moravia - attested to it being a good decision as they have had success. Data already being attached is beneficial. Carol asked about cost specifically and such a quick change. Tom reported that CKLA is about \$10k to renew, Scott said iReady is about \$10k with PD, \$5k without. He feels we do not need PD. Difficult to tailor multi grade levels. We can handle it. Scott feels whatever curriculum we use, we have to make it work. Use it as a tool. iReady allows for a balance of computer/paper based learning. Science - Foss kits need some reorganization. RLL & Jamie will be the backbone of the program moving forward. Working to get the STEM piece and PBL into the RLL. Teachers will still have wiggle room to do their own thing, but the core plan will be in place.

Finance Committee

Treasurer's report attached. Korinne reported that cash flow is adequate. During our Finance Committee meeting, we hammered out a draft budget and it was attached here. based budget on 95 students enrolled. Note ERC - will not continue. \$1,363,000 revenue expected, looking at wages and possible increases to help recruit and retain a more qualified team. Staffing structure remains about the same.

Special Education increased some, TA cost increased some, Sub cost up some, Specialty teachers, as well. Custodian large increase - looking to add a FT position. Cafeteria increase as well due to increased student numbers. Consultant down, legal down, professional services down significantly, classroom supplies include RLL supplies, curriculum/textbooks, supplies/ furniture both down, tech - down, low needs this coming year. transportation.same. office supplies - down,staff development down, recruitment up, student recruitment same, meals up for enrollment increase, insurance anticipated to stay roughly the same, maintenance - same, fuel - same, \$20 k still in \$23 deficit . KL proposes using reserves to cover deficit.

Motion by Jeff Perry, seconded by Carol Woodhouse, to pass resolution 2024-2 (amend to include investment institution of our choosing) attached to create separate interest bearing account to hold onto funds. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Lease review - Tom reported that Lease is almost the same with minor changes, included language purchase option is available with successful charter. Rent would be reduced to help cover the cost of a new maintenance position.

Operations Committee

Tom reported that we may need to add fuel tank spill insurance if it is not already covered under our general liability policy. Working with broker to get answer/quotes. Staffing for maintenance position was already discussed. We are very appreciative that Chris Crossway has joined our committee and is also looking to hold a fundraiser for the school. Stuart - Patty should send a letter to Rose Williams and Anna Brooks as they are interested in helping our marketing committee.

Rural Life Lab Committee

Ribbon cutting ceremony is being pushed out to next week as we get critters settled and more promotion is needed.

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

Old Business

New Business

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Korinne L'Hommedieu to enter into executive session to discuss specific personnel issue at 7:36pm.

Motion by Tom Brown, seconded by Korinne L'Hommedieu, to exit executive session at 7:48 pm.

Motion by Carol Woodhouse, seconded by Jeff Perry, to approve new hires as follows, Kimberly Bull and Melissa Brown as full time classroom teachers for the 24-25 school year, All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

School/Community Items

MAY 14-15	State Testing continues MATH 3-5
MAY 24	Grade 3 Field Lesson to Trinity Valley
MAY 24	Ribbon Cutting RLL - Barn & High Tunnel
MAY 27	No School - Memorial Day - Parade in Truxton 9am-ish

Adjournment

President Stuart Young adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.