

Tallahassee Classical School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
4141 Artemis Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311  
April 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Jana Saylor, Joni Scott-Weideman, Alan Chen, Priscilla West, John Clark, Matt Mohler, Jennifer Diaz

Staff Present: Principal Smith

Others Present: 6 Members of the Public

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm.

1. Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes – provided in board packet; John motioned to approve, Alan seconded motion. Unanimously approved.
2. Public Comment
  - *Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. A group of persons speaking collectively on a subject is limited to 15 minutes. For an extended presentation, please contact the Board Secretary at least seven days prior to a meeting.*
  - *Robert Diman -Former Registrar of TCS; Spoke to Board - Concern for the teachers and staff who fear losing their job*
  - *Mary Lavelle - Public - not a parent. Recommends to remove Mr. Smith. She spoke in support of Mr. Diman and recommend \*Provided a written statement*
  - *Nick Quentin - Parent of two kids. We rather enjoy the curriculum. He hopes that they have Girls on the Run comes back next year. Curious to formulate a policy on masks. Came to get engaged in the school.*
3. Review pertinent authorizer correspondence since previous meeting - No authorize correspondence.
4. Principal's Report
  - a. Staff survey results – included in board packet - The survey conducted in January/Feb 2021. The biggest areas of improvement of communication.
  - b. Hiring update - 10 new hires; 5 offers out to teachers to be accepted.
  - c. 2020-2021 Enrollment update - see handout
  - d. 2021-2022 Enrollment update - see handout
5. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Revised Employee Contract – included in board packet - Joni motioned to approve the contract but for teacher hours to mimic the leon county teacher hours. John seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Teacher Certification Scholarship Program – included in board packet - John moved to make a committee of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Roland work on some options for this scholarship and report back to us at next meeting. Matt seconded it. Unanimously approved.
  - c. SLA update - Another waiver to extend free breakfast and lunch through June 30, 2022. Board brought up concerns about the quality of food, but all health inspections are satisfactory. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Roland had a conversation with the regional manager discussing concerns with repeat violations and quality of food. He acknowledged all concerns in the email. Leadership at SLA is making some changes here at the facility. They will be offering a deli option - salads and sandwiches. Next year they will have 3 people in the cafeteria. Matt would like to know how many kids are actually eating in the cafeteria. We were told approximately 61%. Matt moved to request health inspections public record 5 schools compared to our school's cafeteria and would also like to see the report

from the SLA's billing compared to attendance for lunch for an audit. Joni seconded it. Unanimously approved.

- d. Health Department Inspections report - Two write ups - A LED bulb in the boys bathroom (on order) and tile in a room needs to be replaced. Both are being addressed and fixed.
  - e. Late Pickup program - \$1200 invoicing.
  - f. Esser II Grant opportunity - Covid funds based on student enrollment for 2021-2022.
6. Board Audit Committee Report (F.A.C.E.)
- a. Financials – March 2021 financials included in board packet - John motioned to approve. Priscilla seconded it. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Achievements – nothing to report
  - c. Compliance – Annual Report included in board packet
  - d. Environment – Executive Order 2021-EO-02, analysis, and webinar slides included in board packet - Data for 3rd Grade end of June, remaining data by July 31, 2021. The state said we will have 30 days to review and opt in to accept the grade.
  - e. Environment – School leader discussion / Hillsdale Gov Board training report from members (Mr. Clark, Dr. Chen, Mrs. Saylor). Hillsdale encouraged a Principal search. Ms. Campbell would like to come back in some capacity but is awaiting medical clearance. Joni motioned to contact Hillsdale to see if any candidates interested in Tallahassee. Alan seconded it. Approved, Matt opposed.
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tallahassee Classic planning - May 6, 2021.
8. New Business
- a. Uniform Policy updates – included in board packet - Matt moved that Principal Smith comes back with a plan for next month that considers all board comments. John amended the motion to include shoes. Priscilla seconded it. Unanimously approved.
  - b. Board Member terms – included in board packet -John moved that Jana work with board members to determine their term. Alan seconded it. Unanimously approved.
  - c. Office of Treasurer - Jana motioned to approve John Clark. Alan seconded it.
9. Ongoing Board Assessment and Development
- a. Podcast by Dr. Brian L. Carpenter: “Dirty Walls” – handout included in board packet - postponed for now.
10. Upcoming meetings and events
- a. May 6, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tallahassee Classic, 6 pm – 8:30 pm
  - b. May 20, 2021 – Educator Open House
  - c. May 22, 2021 – board retreat? or May 24, 2021 – board meeting?
  - d. June 10, 2021 – last day of school
  - e. June 26, 2021 – Uniform Fitting Day, 9 am – 12 pm

John motioned to adjourn, Joni seconded it. 8:54pm.

\\e-signed by Joni C. Scott-Weideman\\

Submitted by Joni C. Scott-Weideman, TCS Board Secretary