

Minutes of Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts
Board of Director Meeting
Dec 3, 2013

Present: Jorge Armesto, Ron Caniglia, Dan Corley, Nanci DeRobbio, Sarah Dully, Peter King, Tim More, Deirdre Newbold, Joyce Stevos, Carolyn Thomas-Davis

Not Present: Jorge Cardenas, Rob DeBlois, Peter Mandel, Richardson Ogidan,

Staff Present: Tyler Lewis, Jennifer Patten, Michelle Phoenix

Guest: Jessica Robins Miller

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Stevos at 5:14pm.

Public comment

No public comment

Approval of minutes

Minutes from Nov 2013 were approved unanimously.

Finance Report

Tim More reported that Michelle Phoenix revised the finance handouts to include a third column with year-end projections. There were unexpected facilities costs this year, so the surplus is very low, which is of concern. Tim reported that financial projections for future years are essential as this year's budget is very tight without additional staffing or rental costs. He reported that liquid asset is looking good as accounts receivable is coming in. Michelle will be looking into financial covenants needed for RIDE and to be sure that TAPA is in compliance.

Jorge Armesto motioned to accept the finance report. Dan Corley seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Development Report

Peter King reported that the 2013 Annual Campaign is wrapped up, and he asked that the Board make a commitment to stretch further for the 2014 Annual Campaign.

Tyler Lewis reported that TAPA received the Perkins Grant, a federal grant administered by the state. The grant is a three year effort, with funding for career and technical education programming. The first year, TAPA will receive \$25,550 and TAPA will have to apply for year two and three. The Perkins money must be used by Aug 2014.

A discussion ensued about including the education committee in the planning for the grant, because the programming has curricular implications especially in regards to AP course training. Jorge Armesto felt that it was essential that the committee be a part of the planning. Tyler Lewis and Jen Patten agreed that they would meet the following day to talk about how to incorporate the education committee into the planning.

A board member asked if the Perkins money was just for implementation or if it can be used for sustainability. It was clarified that this was a three year grant, but that it doesn't stop TAPA from continuing to apply for funds in the future.

Tyler Lewis reported that we received the first \$250 for the Annual Appeal. She asked board members to submit their annual appeal form and to submit their list of annual appeal recipients for TAPA's records.

Education Committee Report

Jen Patten submitted an education committee report with supporting Pathway documents (in draft form). She reported that they would be making local visits at other small schools to see what they are doing to accommodate the range of abilities within a small school. A discussion ensued about where the arts integration came into the Pathways documents, and Jen explained that these documents were the skeleton and the integration would be added later.

Cost of AP coursework was discussed and some ideas included: partnerships/collaborations, virtual high school, and early enrollment at local colleges.

Policy Review

TAPA policies are with Jon Anderson for review. They will be distributed to appropriate board committees for review and then brought to the board.

Head of School Report

See Head of School handout.

Board moved to go into Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.