

Minutes of Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts
Board of Director Meeting
Jan 7, 2014

Present: Ron Caniglia, Jorge Cardenas, Dan Corley, Rob DeBlois, Sarah Dully, Peter King, Peter Mandel, Tim More, Deirdre Newbold, Joyce Stevos

Ex Officio: Nanci DeRobbio

Not Present: Jorge Armesto, Richardson Ogidan, Carolyn Thomas-Davis

Staff Present: Tyler Lewis, Michelle Phoenix

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Stevos at 5:04 pm.

Public comment

No public comment

Approval of minutes

Minutes from Dec 2013 were approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Board Resignation

Board Resignation correspondence from Jorge Armesto shared with board.

Rob DeBlois motioned to accept the Dr. Armesto's resignation. Motion was seconded by Peter King. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Financial statements were distributed by Michelle Phoenix. She reported that the missing income on the statement is due to delayed Medicaid reimbursements. There was a discussion regarding the accumulated building reserve and some upcoming facilities expenses.

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

Development Report

Tyler Lewis reported that the annual campaign is at about \$3,000, the Board giving is at about the same, that TAPA received \$4,200 from Ocean State Charities, and \$5,000 in In-kind donations from Lowe's Charities.

Joyce Stevos reminded the board that we need 100% participation in Board giving and we are missing pledges from two members. Donation envelopes and TAPA postcards are available for board members in case they need them to help with TAPA fundraising. TAPA is open to visits anytime.

Policy Review Report

TAPA policies are with the finance and personnel committees for review. They will be brought to the board when they are complete.

Head of School Report

Nanci DeRobbio reported that she has given a draft of her goals to Joyce for her review. Nanci reported she is working on transitioning back to TAPA; is attending RIDE trainings with other charter school leaders; is preparing for the 7-hour test regarding evaluation; and is holding regular financial meeting regarding trajectories for the high school. Nanci also reported that the TAPA students are doing well, and she gave huge commendations for the teachers!

A handout was distributed with the school renewal calendar. A professional day will take place on Friday to further prepare for the visit. She reported the staff was well prepared.

Nanci DeRobbio reported that MAP Testing has taken place. MAP testing is not a state test, but is used to inform instruction. A discussion ensued that the board should see the results as in past years, reported by grade and not teacher. Nanci DeRobbio said he would discuss this with Andy MacMannis.

Important Dates were reported:

Fri, Jan 10 - Professional Development Day

Mon, Jan 20 - MLK Holiday

Wed, Jan 29th at 6pm - Talent Showcase.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm.