

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, April 1st, 2013, 6:30 pm

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,

10186 Cty. Rd. MM, Amherst Junction, WI 54407



MINUTES

	Present?		Present?
Diana Bohman	X	Chamomile Nusz	X
Tina Giombetti	X	Tom Quinn	X
Shannon Korger	X Via phone	Kristy Stacy	X
Laurie Low	X		

Other Attendees: Lindsey Jenkins. Lori Barian and Mary Goral (via phone)

Opening Meeting

Call to order – Gathering verse by Laurie

The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:31 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by Chair Laurie Low.

Board members in attendance were: Diana Bohman, Tina Giombetti, Shannon Korger (via Skype), Laurie Low, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy

Business

- Review and approve agenda
- Approve March 18th meeting minutes
- Next Meeting: April 15th, 2013, 6:30 pm at CWES
- Contractor's Reports
 - Chamomile's Report
 - had initial contact with Stevens Point Area School District about busing
 - will send proposal to her contact there and continue from discussion
 - Cham is suggesting SPASD bus TRCCS students residing in Stevens Point area from their district to CWES.
 - Or second suggestion, have SPASD bus those TRCCS students to the outskirts of the TRSD, to then be picked up by TRSD buses and brought to CWES
 - Spoke with French teachers (one DPI certified and one not) about teaching foreign language

- Consider offering French, French and Spanish, or just Spanish
- Spoke with Farmshed about partnership.
 - Farmshed will have table at the Spring Festival.
- Lori's Report
 - Discussed funding possibilities collected by Vanessa, grant student from UWSP
- Mary's Report
 - Completed 8 blocks of 3rd grade curriculum.
 - Would like to meet with CWES about developing the 9th block based on environmental education
- All contractors reports approved by board
- CWES site reports: TQ
 - UWSP, Jeff Karcher, and Scott will meet Wednesday to tie up university side of things
 - No updates on TRSD side of things
 - Tina looking online at UWSP surplus and auctions sites for used furniture to outfit classrooms
- Public Relations and Funding Report: LL
 - Met with Vanessa about grant possibilities.
 - Forestry and garden (pay for intern) grants are being reviewed by
 - RSI contacted Cham to get clarification on a few things.
- Discussion on Implementation Grant
 - Board approval to submit grant as written
- Discussion on MREAs Seeing RED in Communities Contest
 - Open to non-profits that have innovative community development projects that promote renewable energy and sustainability
 - Finalists will speak about their projects on Sunday of the Energy Fair and winner will be determined by audience vote
 - Winner will receive an installed 2 kW photovoltaic system
 - Consensus to enter contest
- Discussion on Early Elementary and Elementary Teachers job descriptions
 - Changes made to titles to clarify position
- Discussion on Enrollment: CN
 - 21 students have sent in applications
 - Cham will check open enrollment with DPI and compare to TRCCS applications to determine if we have people in different phases of enrolling
 - TRCCS and CWES would really appreciate families to enroll by April 30th so we can determine the appropriate number of teachers to be hired and trained, and also so that CWES can prepare and winterize cabins/classrooms as necessary.
 - Discussion on advertising possibilities to reach more families
 - Cham look into WPR sponsorship to reach statewide audience and maybe 90.9 FM

Review Items

- Discussion on June Orientation Retreat: LB
 - Friday open to everyone: parents, district school board, TRCCS board
 - Saturday could be beneficial to employees and board members of TRCCS
 - Sunday centered around educators
 - Consensus to move forward with retreat

- Discussion on Bylaws
 - Cross out non-voting in Section 5.1.3 and move sentence with edit to 4.0.2
 - Add teachers will not serve in officer positions
 - Appoint empty office (Vice Chair) and fill committee needs
 - Tom will serve as Vice Chair
 - Board welcomed Tom into Vice Chair to position
 - Kristy will serve on Public Relations and Marketing Committee
 - Tom will serve on School Operations Committee
 - Annual Meeting will be held May 20th, 2013, 6:30 pm at CWES

Fundraisers

- Discussion on DPI approval of Phase 1
 - DPI approved all benchmarks!
- Discussion on Spring Festival
 - Need volunteers
 - Ask Scott how to address cleanup afterward
- Movie Night: May 11th
 - No update
- Rainbow's End/Energy Fair: June 21st-23rd
 - No update

Closing Items

- Action Items discussed and recorded by individuals
- Eurythmy: Agree to skip this meeting
- Adjourn meeting at 9:17 pm