



**Tomorrow River Community Charter School
Governance Board Meeting**
Monday, April 7th, 2014, 6:30 pm
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,
10186 Cty. Rd. MM, Amherst Junction, WI 54407

MEETING MINUTES

Attendee	Present?	Attendee	Present?
Diana Bohman	no	Chamomile Nusz	yes
Tina Giombetti	Via Phone	Tom Quinn	yes
Lindsey Jenkins	yes	Kristy Stacy	yes
Dan Quade	yes		

Other Attendees: Laurie Low, Anne Hylla

1. Opening Meeting

The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:33 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by Chair Tom Quinn. Board members in attendance were: Lindsey Jenkins, Tina Giombetti via phone, Dan Quade, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy.

2. Opening

- a. Gathering Verse: Tom Quinn
- b. Sharing of positive memory from the past week: All

3. Business

- a. Agenda discussed by Tom Quinn. Approve agenda.
- b. Parent Circle Report (moved up on agenda) given by Anne Hylla
 - April 23rd Movie night, 6-7:30
 1. Open Q&A, then Movie
 2. Located at CWES in Sunset Lodge
 - May 17th, Christy Reppe Presentation
 1. Catholic Schools "Trust-Based Parenting" Presentation
 2. 10:30am-12:00pm
 3. Located at CWES in Sunrise Classroom
 - May will be last month of Parent Education Series

- Will help with summer events gathering volunteers and helping with floats, parades, Energy Fair and other events as needed
- Float: decorating party, need snowmobiling trailer and place to store it
- Upcoming/Next School Year Plans:
 1. Family Connections Book
 2. Informal Social possibly at Sunset Lake
 - a. Would like to get permission to walk around lake.
- May 5th next meeting
- c. Approve Consent Agenda
 - Approve March 17th Meeting Minutes
 - Contractor Reports
 - Committee Reports
 1. Executive Committee Minutes from 3.20.14 pulled and discussed
 - a. Who are scholarship funds available to?
 - i. All TRCCS staff members that are committed to TRCCS
 - Annual Meeting Ballot
- d. Book Fair
 - Maud was suppose to discuss, but was absent.
 - Could be done during conferences
 - Could be combined with Parent Circle event
 - Board has mixed feeling on Book Fair
 - Would like more information at next meeting from Maud
- e. Annual Meeting May 5th, 2014 at 6:00
 - Cinco de Mayo theme
 - Chips and Salsa Served
 1. Tina will bring salsa
 2. Kristy and Lindsey will get chips
 - Ballot box, Kristy and Linsey will make or buy
 - Notice of annual meeting will be in newsletter
 - Discussed sending a notice home with children with personal statement from candidate and about board member recruitment
 1. Tina will send Kristy and Lindsey her statement
 - Meeting will start at 6pm for voting and snacks, Business will start at 6:30pm
- f. Teacher Report
 - Discussed issue with erosion outside of Sunrise Classrooms and how this should be addressed for next year
 1. Tom suggested tree cookies
 2. Tina brought up the adding vestibules to the classrooms, but Tom feels there is not enough funds for this.
 - Classrooms were not cleaned as scheduled for last week. This is a concern for teachers.
 1. Teachers need their rooms cleaned more than just having the garbage taken out.

2. Tom will look into why this happened and get back to Dan
 - Upper grades feel they need an aide because of all of the special needs children.
 1. Board suggests that Laurie should work with Special Education teacher to get more minutes added to some of the students' IEPs so that Laurie is able to get the support that she needs.
 2. Board feels that this needs to be addressed at the staff meetings to see if TRCCS staff can come up with solution
 3. Also suggested getting a weekly schedule of parent volunteers to help in classroom.
 - g. Staffing Structure for the 2014/2015 School Year
 - Lead Teacher/Lead Teacher Team
 1. Hire a DPI certified teacher to come "sit in" during specials so that teachers have more prep time if we have a Lead Teacher Team
 2. Looking for input from teachers on this
 - a. Laurie said that Waldorf schools typically don't have a Lead Teacher, however they have a larger teacher to pupil ratio than TRCCS
 - b. Dan will bring this up at the staff meeting
 3. Potential of a PreK teacher teaching 2 days per week and being a lead teacher the other 3 days.
 - Preparing to hire a first grade teacher, music teacher, Pre-K teacher
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 1. Dan feels that it would be helpful to have this position so that volunteers are much more structured.
 2. This person would most likely be a volunteer. Our grant funds are allocated otherwise, so this is not an option.
 3. Tom will check in with the School of Education Department to see if we can get a volunteer/intern
 - h. Implementation Renewal Grant Approval
 - Approved, will be passed on to District for approval
 - If there are more than minor edits from District, we will call a special meeting to approve the edits.
 - i. End of the Year Brain Storm
 - Teacher Checklist
 - Moving Schedule
 1. CWES should let teachers know what needs to leave the classrooms and what can stay.
 2. School Operations Committee will work on this, but looking for input.
 - j. Strings Program
4. Events
- a. WISN Conference: March 26th-28th
 - Maud and Chamomile attended

- Great conference and workshops
 - Keynote speaker was Alfie Kohn
 - Emphasis placed on teacher led schools and teacher collaboration
 - b. Brain Gym Training: April 9th 3-5 pm at CWES
 - c. Earth Day: April 22nd (Green Ribbon Schools)
 - TRCCS Staff is interested in having a “CWES Based” Earth Day
 1. Planning on doing it on April 23rd, CWES staff is busy on 22nd
 2. Hoping to do it from 8:30am to 11am
 3. Ideas: Picnic at Minister Lake, Parsonage, Walk to Taylor Rd., Games
 - d. Spring Festival: May 2nd
 - Planning on having it during the day.
 - Upper grades will perform play near fire bowl.
 - e. Energy Fair: June 20th-22nd
 - Chamomile will start to look for volunteers
 - f. WAEE Annual Conference: August 13th-15th
5. Closing
- a. Action Items Reviewed
 - b. Adjourn Meeting 8:59 pm