

# Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 2013, 6:30 pm

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,

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



## MINUTES

	Present?		Present?
<b>Diana Bohman</b>	no	<b>Chamomile Nusz</b>	X
<b>Tina Giombetti</b>	X	<b>Tom Quinn</b>	X
<b>Shannon Korger</b>	Via phone	<b>Kristy Stacy</b>	No
<b>Laurie Low</b>	X		

**Other Attendees:** Lori Barian (via phone), Mike Toelle, Debbie Klinger, Maude Mangin, Megan Espe, Jennifer Pape, LeAnn Chase, and Mary Goral and and Debra Lukovich via phone

### 1. Opening Meeting

- The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:34 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by Chair Laurie Low. Board members in attendance were: Tina Giombetti, Laurie Low, and Tom Quinn.

### 2. Business

- Agenda discussed by Chair Laurie. Requested amendments to agenda:
  - Add discussion about interview participants. All Agreed.
- Discuss April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Change WISN to DPI in reference to discussion of WISN/Alliance? Green Schools Network 3%. Correction recorded. Minutes approved with corrections.
- Discussion of contractors' reports: Chamomile, Lori, and Mary
  - Agree to pay contractors for services rendered.
- Discussion of Hiring Process: LeAnn Chase, Mike Toelle, and all
  - Charter states: "The hiring process will be facilitated by a hiring committee made up of Governance Board members, TRCCS staff, the District Administrator and the assigned District Principal for the TRCCS. The hiring committee will make a recommendation to the Governance Board. The Governance Board will make a recommendation to the Board of Education, who has the final say on all personnel matters."
  - Per stated in the charter we would need to elect a governance board member to serve on the hiring committee. Most likely candidate is Tom because of his hiring experience.

- District will agree to hire 2 teachers based on our enrollment numbers and repost an additional teacher position as enrollment numbers become more solid.
- Mr. Toelle suggests allotting funds to help pay teacher if students currently enrolled do not show up to TRCCS this fall. Also suggests training third teacher so when we do need to hire that third teacher, we have a teacher ready and trained.
- Governance board may submit 3-4 questions for interviews that we feel will help
- District will agree to have Chamomile in on interview process. Chamomile would recuse herself from the interview process if Mary Goral could be part of it.
- LeAnn will ask Board of Education if Mary Goral can sit in on interviews.
- Public Relations and Funding Committee Report
  - Didn't get Seeing RED grant because our infancy (particularly in our 501(c)3 status) and the relatively small number the renewable system would impact.
- Site Report: Tom
  - Contract went back and forth a few times to make changes in insurance
  - Natural playscape (Outdoor Classroom)– Volunteer prep time could possibly be first week in June.
    - Need to spend money by end of July.
    - Will need volunteers to clear a space and assemble greenhouse.
- Discussion of enrollment: Chamomile
  - Currently at 65
    - PreK & kindergarten = 18/19 students
    - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> = 20 students
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> = 19 students. Three of which are 6th graders. May consider dropping 6th grade.
    - Classrooms: Classrooms: Use Sunset classrooms for older grades and Becker for younger. Becker is smaller but would mean we would not need to pack up classroom every weekend. Joe is ready to start renovating classrooms.
- 4K Curriculum discussed: All
  - Board agreed to eliminate “soul” and replace with “individual.”
- Parent Student Handbooks discussed: Chamomile
  - Still in progress.
  - Dress code: Consensus to request no commercial characters on clothing or on school supplies and accessories.
- School calendar will align with district's. Need to clarify where our teachers will be spending the designated inservice time – at the district or our own?
- Discussion on alinea deliverables: Debra
  - Elevator Pitch: Use every time board members speak about school
  - Tracking:
    - Governance Board, get in the habit of recording conversations/contacts that we have had about TRCCS.
    - Devise a way for all of us to share tracking with Chamomile so she can record it and follow up on it.
  - We need to know exactly what we want from our community partners.
  - Host community partners event.
    - Breakfast information session
    - Share our plan and vision and show community partners the benefits they can reap. Partners could also share contacts they may have that could be beneficial.
    - Offer networking time amongst the attendees.

### 3. Events

- WCSA Advocacy Day: May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Chamomile and Laurie will attend
  - TRCCS June Orientation Retreat: June 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>
    - Send Chamomile anyone you would like to invite and she will send them and invitation.
- May Movie May 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Chamomile may indeed be attending along with Lauri and Tom.
- Rainbow's End / Energy Fair: June 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Tina able to work booth or tent Friday when Chamomile is not available.
  - More volunteers would be ideal.
- Fourth of July Parade: We will sit this year out, but consider participating next year.

### 4. Closing

- Action Items reviewed.

### 5. Adjourn meeting at 9:52 pm.