

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, May 29th, 2013, 6:00 pm

Tomorrow River Schools District Board Room

357 N Main Street Amherst, WI 54406



MINUTES

	Present?		Present?
Diana Bohman	X	Chamomile Nusz	X
Tina Giombetti	X	Tom Quinn	X
Shannon Korger	X	Kristy Stacy	X
Laurie Low	no		

Other Attendees: Anne Hylla, Laura Whitefeather, Rhonda Stoltzec, Celeste Paugel, Lindsey Jenkins, LeAnn Chase, and Mike Toelle, Jeanne and Dan Bootz

1. Opening Meeting

- The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6: 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, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy.

2. Info

- Elevator Speech Training for community members and parents: Chamomile
- Volunteer Opportunities: Chamomile

3. Opening

- Gathering Verse: Chamomile
- Sharing of positive memory from the past week: All
- Consensus explained: Chamomile

4. Business

- Agenda discussed by Vice Chair, Tom Quinn. Agenda approved.

- Discuss May 6th Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved.
- Next Meeting: June 3rd, 2013, 6:30 at CWES
- Election of Officers
 - Consensus for Tom Quinn to serve as Chair
 - Consensus for Kristy Stacy to serve as vice chair
 - Consensus for Shannon Korger to serve as Treasurer
 - Consensus for Tina Giombetti to serve as Secretary
 - We thank you, Laurie Low, for your dedication to the TRCCS governance board, and a warm welcome to you as a TRCCS teacher. Congratulations!
- Site Report: Tom/Tina
 - Met with Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative to examine heating and cooling options for the classrooms
 - Looking at electrical thermal storage units for buildings
 - Outdoor Classrooms
 - Tom, Tina, and Chamomile met at site and toured classrooms, indoor and outdoor
 - Have 3 contractors interested in building outdoor classroom
 - Chamomile will set up meeting at CWES for Tom Girolamo to tour outdoor classroom site. Other contractors are familiar with CWES already.
 - Present photos of natural play installations we would like to see in outdoor classroom for contractors to post bids.
 - Outdoor classroom site Cleanup Volunteer Day has been set for June 1st.
- Financial Report: Chamomile
 - Didn't spend all grant money in the first grant phase. Will ask for those funds to be added onto second phase of planning grant
- Hiring Committee Report: Chamomile, LeAnn, Mike, and Tom
 - Many great candidates overall.
 - Laurie Low has accepted teaching position for TRCCS.
 - Daniel Quade will possibly be preK/K teacher.
 - Need to obtain a charter school license or emergency license because Daniel is licensed in special education not elementary education in which TRCCS envisions him teaching.
 - Nicole Luedtke will serve as our 3rd, tentative teacher. She will be trained at Great Lakes and attend all the training other teachers do, but will not be hired immediately.
 - Consensus to proceed with chosen teachers.
- Curriculum Review (PK/K): All
 - PreK and K curriculum is completed. First grade through eighth grade should be done by the beginning of June.

5. Events

- WCSA Advocacy Day: May 9th
 - Chamomile, Laurie Low, and Lindsey Jenkins attended.

- WI Charter School law ranks 37th of 48 in charter school law, meaning charter law is lacking in effectiveness.
- Proposed budget will give more funds to charter movement
- May Movie: May 11th
 - Three families attended.
- June Retreat: June 14th-16th Canceled
 - Lori Barian and Mary Goral will do small orientation at CWES specific to teachers
 - Intro to Waldorf
 - Tour and introduction of site
 - Friday night may include a public event as originally planned
- Rainbow's End Tent
 - Great partnership and hope to be able to continue to do it in coming years
 - Need volunteers to supervise the tent, assist the performer/presenter if they need it, and ensure children are not left without their parents present at the tent.
- Trike-A-Thon
 - Do we want to hold the Trike-A-Thon again this year?
 - Children collect pledges based on how many laps they commit to riding, then come day of the event and complete their laps. Last year we also had children's crafts and outdoor games, face painting, a bike safety officer, a bake sale by the Holistic Families, Aaron Korger deejayed.
 - Despite low turnout last year, it has still been our most profitable fundraiser to date.
 - Already have t shirts, stickers, tattoos, helmets, and bells for prizes.
 - Groundwork has been laid and is a relatively easy event to prepare for and hold.
 - Event is held end of September so TRCCS students will have time to collect pledges
 - Inquire with local bike repair service to donate a custom paint job to rehab a used bike.
 - TRSD parking lot will be torn up so we need to explore other venues.
 - Consider holding the weekend of Celebrate Amherst Riverfest, Saturday September 14th.
 - Suggestion to move event to Stevens Point since large amount of students are coming from there.

6. Closing

- Action Items reviewed
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7. Consensus to adjourn meeting: 8:08 pm