



Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, September 16th, 2013, 6:30 pm

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,
10186 Cty. Rd. MM, Amherst Junction, WI 54407

MINUTES

| | Present? | | Present? |
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| Diana Bohman | NO | Chamomile Nusz | X |
| Tina Giombetti | X | Tom Quinn | X |
| Lindsey Jenkins | X | Kristy Stacy | X |
| Laurie Low | NO | | |
| Other Attendees: LeAnn Chase, Mike Toelle, Julee Duessing, and Bobbi Kubish | | | |

1. Opening Meeting

- The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:38 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by chair, Tom Quinn. Board members in attendance were: Tina Giombetti, Lindsey Jenkins, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy.

2. Opening

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

3. Business

- Agenda discussed by Tom Quinn: Agenda approved.
- Approve August 19th Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved with edits
- Next Meeting: September 30th 2013, 6:30 pm
- Transportation: Julee Duessing
 - Busing out-of-district children is crucial to TRCCS's enrollment
 - Start-up years will be the most difficult, but cost will be alleviated as enrollment numbers grow

- Many options have been explored; however, Courtesy Transportation is the only option at this point at a cost of \$7.90 per child if all 11.4 children utilize bus.
- 66/30 Agreement between TRSD and SPA-School District
 - Need parent volunteer(s) to approach SPA-School District to get conversation started
- Find TRSD contractor that has an extra bus to contract with
- More ideas:
 - Look to other charters to emulate
- Ways to keep private busing option down:
 - Combine transport of UWSP students going out to CWES with TRCCS transportation
- Future option
 - TRCCS supplement busing costs with fund-raised monies
- Approve \$500 to be used of fund-raised monies to offset the cost of busing to allow all families to utilize transportation.
 - Addendum: An additional \$250 was approved for busing via email September 23rd
- School Coordinator Report
 - Discussed and approved by all.
- Conflict of Interest Policy: Reviewed and discussed
 - Approved by all.
- Non-Discrimination Policy
 - Approved by all.
- Site Report
 - Cork install September 21st and 22nd
 - Outdoor Classroom Additions
 - Dan has requested some additional toys for PreK and K area
- Vinnie Miresse has expressed interest in making pieces using donated wood
 - Have Vinnie submit a bid for approval
 - Also could use some benches in the garden
- Tom will have CWES maintenance guys build with wood found on property
- Staffing
 - Hires
 - Hired Heidi Rollins as Special Education
 - Needs:
 - Do not currently have music teacher
- District teachers felt it would be too difficult to teach at both schools

- Need music teacher twice a week, for an hour
- Do not currently have a violin teacher or a hand work teacher
- Previous arrangements have fallen through
- 1st/2nd Teacher
- Our attendance Friday September (Third Count Friday) will determine whether or not TRSD will hire our 1st/2nd grade teacher full-time—now currently employed as long-term sub
- Maud Mangin
- Would like extend her time at the school to allow teachers to have lunch breaks
- Fundraising/Marketing
 - Trike-A-Thon October 12th near Central Waters on the Falcon Way cul de sac
- Chamomile and Tina have met with the Lettie Central Waters River Run committee and they are thrilled to host our event
- Money raised will go towards Transportation Initiative
- Pledge forms will go home with students after final edit
- T-Shirts
 - Put on hold until holidays
 - Need to change logo before printing
- Flower Power
 - Bulbs Sale
 - An option for spring fundraiser
 - Wait for spring to hold sale
 - Consider locally obtained bulbs
- More Ideas
 - Painting Night for parents
 - Calendar
 - Will need to order 2014 Bio-dynamic Calendar before proceeding
 - Consider having calendar span a calendar year as opposed to a school year
- Calendar- scheduling events
 - Address later in school year
- Attendance Policy
 - TRCCS is exempt from district and state policies
- Festivals:
 - Harvest Fest: October 31st: noon-2:45
 - Invite parents to have lunch with their son and daughters

- Encourage costumes for adults and children
- Lantern Walk: November 12th: Evening
- Spiral Walk: December 11th: Morning, right at start of school
- Trainings
- Mary Goral wants to do 2-day training with all teachers
- Will need to have subs for all teachers
- Consider taking students on field trip those days or having subs do simple prep work for festivals
- CWES may be able to provide some programming

4. Events

Celebrate Amherst River Fest: Sept. 14th

- Had very low volunteer help and not as well-attended by event goers as last year

5. Closing

- Action Items Reviewed

6. Adjourn meeting : 10:08 pm