

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 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 | X | | |
| Other Attendees: Maud Mangin | | | |

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 Tom Quinn. Board members in attendance were: Lindsey Jenkins, Tina Giombetti, Laurie Low, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy.

2. Opening

- Gathering Song: Laurie Low and All
- Moment of silence in observance for Kayla Toelle.
 - TRCCS will construct a bench and dedicate it Kayla and locate it near the lake by the fire bowl on the CWES grounds.
- Sharing of positive memory from the past week: All

3. Business

- Agenda discussed by Tom Quinn. Approve agenda.
- Approve October 7th Meeting Minutes:
- Board Chair Report: Tom
- Teacher Report: Laurie Low
 - Testing is next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Tests will be called research to alleviate student anxiety.
- Contractor's Report: CN
 - LaCrosse Waldorf school came to visit TRCCS and met with Cham and Lindsey

- Very supportive of our school and would love to come back and sit in with teachers and offer some training/support.
- Third Count Friday results: 50
- Calendar: CN
 - CWES's camping calendar overlaps with our final days of school. Camp will be starting at CWES the week of June 9th, thus TRCCS will have a shorter school year than the district.
 - TRSD's school year will end at noon June 10th while TRCCS's will end June 6th.
- Site Report:
 - Need a place to store balls and outdoor play items.
 - Consensus to purchase deck storage boxes and spend up to \$500
- Fundraising/Marketing
 - Trike-A-Thon
 - Raised over \$5,000 but donations and expenses are still coming in
- Transportation
 - SPA busing participants
 - Ask SPA bus families to research the 60/30 transportation situation between TRSD and SPA Public Schools
 - Set deadline of end of January to prepare for next school year's open enrollment period
- Professional Development: Maud Mangin
 - Maud is proposing to create cross-curricular integration (bringing literacy and math into gardening or nature studies, history, and culture into handwork, etc.)
 - Maud is also proposing developing and implementing a school-wide behavioral plan to establish universal behavioral expectations for all areas of the school and CWES grounds, based on some of the methods of Positive Behavioral Incentives and Supports
 - Would ask Parents Circle to help with some tasks in this development
 - Consensus by board to compensate Maud \$20/hour for professional development and behavioral plan
- Attendance Policy
 - We are required to follow the state's truancy policy
 - Charter schools are exempt from instructional days requirement
- Discipline Policy
 - Cham would like to add to the discipline policy, "no child will ever be withheld from recess as a disciplinary method."
 - Statement approved by all and will be added to handbook
- Parent Teacher Conferences? Assessments:
 - Thursday November 7th and Tuesday November 12th
 - Looking into arranging for on-site daycare
 - Grades teachers, Maud and Chamomile are working on developing a standardized student assessment for teachers to communicate to parents students' progress
- TRCCS Promotional Video

- Video was shot October 24th
- Production is very far behind and lead time on finished video is about a year
- TRCCS could really use this video for promoting enrollment for the coming year
 - Cham will look into expediting process by paying a “rush” fee
 - Consensus to allow Cham to spend up to \$500 on rush fee
- Parent Surveys
 - Were sent out and continue to come back to teachers

4. Events

- Partners Breakfast: October 21st
 - Had 25 attendees
- Cranberry Field trip: October 23rd
 - Pittsville students did a great job in conducting the cranberry tour
 - Kids has a great time at Powers Bluff
- Harvest Festival: 31st
 - Starts at lunch time and ends at 4pm
 - Presentation by CWES while Cham conducts a Volunteer meeting
 - Inside and Outside Activities
 - Sack races
 - Tom look organize skull and animal identification
 - Families could do a trail hike or scavenger hunt
 - Crafts by various volunteers
 - Pumpkin carving
 - UWSP students will be at CWES at 9 and could help out
- Tom Pease: November 1st
 - Morning and afternoon performances at TRSD
 - TRCCS will not attend
 - We could look into having Tom Pease at an event of our own
- Veterans' Day Assembly: November 11th
 - TRCCS will not attend
- Lantern Walk:
 - Ask art teacher to have students construct lanterns
 - Children will walk down trails with their lanterns singing songs
- Holiday Concert: December 18th & 19th

5. Enter into closed session 9:53 pm.

6. Return to closed session 10:09 pm.

7. Closing

- Action Items Reviewed

8. Adjourn meeting 10:21 pm