

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 6th, 2013, 6:38 pm

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



MINUTES

	Present?		Present?
Diana Bohman	no	Chamomile Nusz	X
Tina Giombetti	X	Tom Quinn	X
Lindsey Jenkins	X	Kristy Stacy	X
Laurie Low	X		
Other Attendees: Mike Toelle, Shane Semrow, and Deb Lukovich (via video conference)			

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: Lindsey Jenkins, Tina Giombetti, Laurie Low, Tom Quinn and Kristy Stacy.

2. Opening

- Sharing of positive memory from the past week: All

3. Business

- Agenda discussed by Tom Quinn. Approve agenda.
- Approve Meeting October 23rd meeting minutes:
- Next Meeting November 18th, 2013 at 6:30 pm
- Teacher's Report
 - Children are settling into a routine
 - Testing
 - referred to as "Research" to ease student anxiety
 - some kids did still have a hard time
- Whole Trees Presentation: Chamomile
 - A Design-Build firm near Viroqua that specializes in building organic buildings from on-site small diameter trees

- They have built many residential and commercial buildings including a university building.
- If we choose them to help in our future building process, they could be here in 4 weeks and have a drawing generated in 4-6 weeks after that.
- Alinea: Deb Lukovich
 - Engaging Community:
 - Movie Night/Monthly Meetings for parents and community to come together.
 - Parent Ambassadors to organize monthly events.
 - Follow up with prospects.
- Site Report
 - Expanding PreK/K classroom to use the other side of Becker to allow for a quiet space for children to go and to provide a “mudroom” type area for boots, coats and such.
 - Tom, Cham, Dan, and Tina have met and plans for the space have been drawn out.
 - Some renovations will need to be done to allow for this. CWES will pay for new baseboard heating and a new door and is asking that the TRCCS 501c3 pay for new windows on this half of the building as they did with the other half.
 - Consensus to spend \$1,200 on windows for preK/K classroom expansion.
- Parent Circle
 - Already have 5 interested parents
 - Will also be brought up in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Parent Connections Sheet
 - Would like to generate a list of parents and where they live and their phone numbers so that parents can contact and form connections in the case of child care and organizing events and such.
 - Ask parents if they would like to participate and what information they are willing to share.
 - Make a Google map and printout.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday November 7th and Tuesday November 12th
 - Progress reports were developed and will be discussed with parents.
- TRCCS Promotional Video
 - May be ready sometime in January
- Fundraising/Marketing
 - Farm Fresh Atlas
 - Split full page ad with CWES at a cost of \$400
 - CWES will develop ad with TRCCS's input
 - Board agreed to use \$400 of grant funds to share an ad with CWES.
 - WEEB Grant
 - Ask parents and community members to come and brainstorm ideas about what grant would be written for.
 - Add it to Lantern Walk activities at 5:30 pm.
- Alliance for Public Waldorf Education
 - Membership renewal is \$250.
 - Board approval to renew APWE membership.

- Conference January 17th-19th
 - Most of the TRCCS teachers will be attending this conference in California so subs will be needed in their place
 - Friday January 17th is now scheduled as a half day
 - Approval to have no school January 17th
- Open Meetings Law
 - Will post our agenda at TRSD office, TRCCS office, the Amherst Post Office, Amherst Family Foods, and Stevens Point Journal Meeting Notices.
- DPI Reporting Session December 5th and 6th
 - Chamomile and Tom will attend
 - Could use volunteers for the morning bus drop off and afternoon bus pick up and hot lunch if we have it.
- Attendance Policy
 - Reviewed and approved by all.
- Events/Field trips
 - Harvest Fest
 - Scavenger Hunt was fast-paced and kids loved it
 - Notes for next year:
 - Need way to identify who is in what group
 - Have some student/parent pairings planned beforehand
 - Lantern Walk: November 14th
 - 5:30 WEEB Meeting
 - Potluck starts at 6pm
 - Walk starts at 7 pm
 - Students will walk with lanterns through trail in woods
 - Art teacher has been making lanterns with students
 - Other children and adults will use battery operated candles for safety sake
 - Teacher Training
 - November 14th Mary will sit in with teachers in each classroom
 - November 15th Mary will hold all day training with teachers
 - Winter Concert: December 18th & 19th
 - Miss Maggie started her Play Block today that will be performed at the concert
- Enter into Closed Session at 9:13 pm.
- Return to 10:29 pm

4. Events

5. Closing

- Action Items Reviewed

6. Adjourn meeting 10:31 pm