

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, November 18th, 2013, 6:45 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	no
Laurie Low	X		
<b>Other Attendees:</b>			

1. Opening Meeting

- The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:45 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by Chair Tom Quinn. Board members in attendance were: Lindsey Jenkins, Tina Giombetti, and Laurie Low.

2. Opening

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

3. Business

- Agenda discussed by Tom Quinn. Approve agenda.
- Approval of November 6th Meeting Minutes
- Next Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013, 6:30 pm
- Teacher Report
  - Almost all Parent/Teacher conferences have been completed.
    - General impression from parents is that they are very pleased with how things are going thus far at TRCCS.
- Site Report
  - Windows and heat have been installed into the second half of Becker.
  - Dan may be moved into renovated area by the end of the week.
  - Hoop house was donated to CWES and will be jointly utilized by TRCCS and CWES.

- Will still need to purchase plastic to cover structure.
- Contractor Reports: Chamomile
  - Reviewed and approved by all.
- Financial Report
  - Grant Budget
    - Have been very good on keeping on budget.
    - Funds are there to pay Maud Mangin for more professional development as she has the passion and resources to help teachers integrate Waldorf and environmental ed into the teachers' daily practice.
      - Consensus by board to pay Maud up to 10 hours a week for professional development.
    - Schedule a meeting with teachers to discuss needs.
    - Maud has been very helpful in helping teachers to implement curriculum into daily practice
    - Start thinking about where and when we would like to have board retreat.
- Fundraising/Marketing
  - WEEB Grant
    - Had a meeting on Thursday and brainstormed ideas on what to write grants for.
  - Promotional Video
    - Will be done by January so we will have it in time for enrollment campaign!
  - Box Tops
    - Have Parent Circle organize the collection of labels.
  - T-Shirts
    - Cannot put Waldorf on shirt because of copyright laws.
    - Have Laurie's kids come up with slogan to put on shirts and tote bags.
    - Consider subsidizing shirts with grant funds as shirts and tote bags will serve as advertising.
  - Glass Workshop/Pendants
    - Kristen Thilking is offering to do a glass making workshop
      - Could make pendants with the tree from our logo on it to sell for gifts as a fundraiser.
  - Holiday Giving
    - Cham developed a holiday giving link on our website that will be shared via our newsletter and Facebook page.
    - Individuals can donate to TRCCS in lieu of giving a gift to a friend or loved one.
  - Painted Rock Farms
    - Lisa Shirek will donate \$100 for every half or quarter lamb, cow, or pig purchased to your favorite local charity.
  - Valentine's Day Dinner
    - Approach businesses about sponsoring dinner at different levels for various forms of recognition.
    - Hold live auction after dinner.
    - Consider having at a different location this year.

- Board members will come to next meeting with some ideas.
- Alliance for Public Waldorf Education
  - Teachers will miss pre-conference because Friday will be a travel day for them.
  - Dan and Maggie are definitely attending.
  - Others have not confirmed.
- School Closing/ District
  - If school at TRSD is canceled due to the weather, TRCCS will follow suit.
- TRCCS You Tube Channel
  - TRCCS will have its own You Tube channel with our TRCCS.org account.
  - Use it to post videos from festivals, projects, and workshops to share with potential families and donors and other schools what is going on here at our school.
- Clothing Drive
  - Will ask parents/families via newsletter to donate winter outerwear to be kept at TRCCS or distributed to TRCCS students in need.
- La Crosse Waldorf School: puppet show/PD
  - Two early childhood teachers will come the second week in December to put on a puppet show
  - Will also work with Dan on professional development
  - Would like to hold a Waldorf workshop in the evening for parents only.
    - Consensus by board to use grant funds to pay La Crosse early childhood teachers for professional development for Dan and other teachers/parents
- Chet Celenze: PD
  - Will be here first week of December to offer professional development to teachers
    - Consensus by board to use grant funds to pay for this professional development opportunity

#### 4. Events

- Lantern Walk: November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Great Turnout and the weather was beautiful!
- Teacher Training: November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Was a great refocusing session for teachers
- UWSP Field trip: November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- TRSD Holiday Party: December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Program: December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 1 o'clock performance on 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Dress rehearsal in morning, then eat lunch at the Jensen Center and perform at 1 pm.
  - Tom Pease will do sound and lighting for us.
  - December 19th's performance will be at 6:30 pm.
- Tom Pease will preform for TRCCS at CWES sometime in March

#### 5. Closing

- Action Items reviewed

#### 6. Adjourn meeting 9:27 pm