

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
5:30pm

Virtual/Zoom (Join Zoom Meeting, Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

Present: Leila Villaverde, Carl Lashley, Joanna Lower, Fred Adams, David Jarmon

Guests: Beth Meyer, Brandon Morrison, Jessica Glenn, Peter Antognetti, Jazlyn Miller, Kristen Kevorkian, Alexis Greene, Kristen Lowe, Eugenia Gwynn, Warren Moses, Rachel's phone, Laruen McLaughlin, Olivia Gordon, Dara Campbell-Jones, Jenny Gustin

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at: 5:41.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda and the January board meeting minutes. Joanna Lower motioned to approve the agenda and the minutes Fred Adams seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

David Jarmon greeted everyone and indicated he had glows and grows to share.

Student Enrollment

To date, there are 260 students enrolled at TESH. He noted that there were 5 withdrawals over the past few months. He also shared that the lottery period was open and that TESH was working to spread the news that TESH is here in the community and a great place for families to send their children.

Current enrollment by Grade Level: Kindergarten = 21 students; 1st grade = 22 students; 2nd grade = 26 students; 3rd grade = 30 students; 4th grade = 27 students; 5th grade = 31 students; 6th grade = 40 students; 7th grade = 37 students; 8th grade = 26 students; Total = 260 Students Enrolled; 24% (n = 63) have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Average Daily Attendance

K = 90%; 1st = 92%; 2nd = 91%; 3rd = 93%; 4th = 90%; 5th = 93%; 6th = 91%; 7th = 87%; 8th = 92%; Overall = 91%; David Jarmon spoke of the importance of attendance.

Proposed Calendar for 2024-2025

We have reviewed feedback from the Board and revised the proposed calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Again, we welcome your feedback, and the calendar may be found on the website for public comment.

Bennett College Interns and Partnership

The Bennett College interns have started working with TESH. They will work with us for the duration of the semester. Currently, they are getting hands-on experience in all grade levels as well as shadowing admin and other staff. The MOU has been signed by all parties. We are brainstorming different ways that the partnership can benefit TESH and Bennett College.

Open House and Tour Dates

TESG held its monthly staff meeting on Tuesday, February 6th. The monthly Leadership Team meeting was held on Wednesday, February 7th. The Leadership Team suggested dates for the Open House as well as tour dates for aspiring families. Families will have the opportunity to sign up for tours. Tours will be held on TESH Tour Tuesdays through April 30th. Tours will be held from 10-11 on A Week and 1-2 on B week.

TESG Support

Families have been asked to support TESH by passing out flyers at local businesses. Currently, flyers have been posted at the downtown library, the Children's Museum, Ace Hardware on Bessemer Avenue, the Car Wash on Bessemer Ave, the Beauty Supply Outlet on Summit Avenue and Lady Shae's Salon on Homeland Ave. We need our waitlist to increase so that we have the necessary or projected enrollment for next year. We ask that our parents and supporters spread the word about TESH.

House Updates:

Kindergarten students have been learning about important people in our community. I was personally impressed by the number of shapes that they have been learning. They are able to name shapes and draw them.

1/2 House is learning about Natural Resources. Later this week, they are taking a walking field trip to the Children's Museum.

3/4 House have been working on math check-ins, Civil rights, Injustice, gender, race, religion, gender inequality, and researching civil rights leaders and the civil rights movement.

5/6 House students are completing check -ins. They are learning more about race and sharing real life experiences. They are also taking donations to create weather stations.

7/8 House Students are completing check-ins for science and in math learning about radius, diameter, circumference of a circle, and surface area. They have also been building models of cardiovascular systems.

In the Arts students are continuing with the ukulele, building garden bed models, creating dance performances, and learning about the history of art.

David Jarmon shared that the Community Collaborative raised \$3678 from popcorn sales and applauded these efforts. He also noted that TESH was awarded a 51K safety grant various things and applauded Mrs. Shavonne Oliver for her role in writing the grant. She also has shared a

proposal for some 7/8th grade students to attend a national youth summit in Charlotte, NC in April focused on learning to prevent violence. She has recommended 17 students. Fees are \$35 per student plus transportation, and she received \$500 scholarship to defray those costs.

David Jarmon opened for questions. Joanna Lower asked if a date had been decided for the 8th grade celebration. David Jarmon responded that he was in dialogue with venues and was waiting for confirmation but, they were looking at either May 31 or June 3. He noted the finalized date would be shared soon.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Leila Villaverde shared that we were waiting on some more information on budget and funds. A meeting with the new accounting management firm was in the works and noted the fiscal year ends in June. She reminded everyone that enrollment is critical to our budget.

Announcements

Leila Villaverde noted that every year TESSG undergoes a 360 evaluation and that would be launched shortly before Spring Break.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn. Joanna Lower motioned to adjourn, Fred Adams seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.