



**Tomorrow River Community Charter School
Governance Board Meeting**
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30pm
Tomorrow River School District, Board Meeting Room
357 North Main Street, Amherst, WI 54406

UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Board Member	Present		Present
Tina Giombetti: President	Yes	Sarah Snell: Vice-President	No
Tom Quinn: Treasurer	Yes	Laura Miller: Secretary	Yes
Camille Kadoch: Member	Yes	Brad Lobner: Member	Yes
Matthew Knuth: Member	Yes		

Other Attendees: Ryan Ruggles, Al Northouse, Mark Kryshak, Kelly Larsen, Emerald Larsen, Iona Larsen, Naomi Miller, Heather [?]

Minutes taken by Laura Brown

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1. Call to Order: Tina Giombetti brought the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
 - a. Public Participation
 - i. Heather - has a child going into 4K in 25-26 and is interested in possibly joining the board.
 - b. Introductions - all
2. Next Meeting: Sunday, February 16th at 6:30 pm (Board Retreat)
3. **Approve Agenda** - move overnight trip to be the first agenda topic.
4. **Approve Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approved Consent Agenda.**
5. Agenda Topics:
 - a. Policies
 - i. Overnight Field Trips Itineraries Review - Emerald Larsen shared a slideshow, showing the proposed trip itinerary.
 1. Laurie and Emerald are going to work on bookings. Tina has planned and booked several of the previous class trips and is happy to consult and share wisdom.
 2. Need 2 chaperones plus the teacher.
 3. Estimated total cost is a little over \$4,000, which will be covered by the class fundraised account.
 4. Kudos to the kids for planning their own trip and we wish them luck with their presentation to the TRSD Board.
 - b. Reports/Information/Updates
 - i. Principal Report/Enrollment
 1. Shout out to Maud and the leadership team as they have been planning the school calendar for next year and integrating training

- PD.
- 2. Looking ahead to the coming school year, improving processes, updating handbooks, onboarding, etc.
- 3. We have great candidates for the upcoming long term sub positions in the onsite 6th grade and virtual Spanish.
- c. Budget
 - i. Board Retreat
 - 1. **Requesting \$500, if costs go over then board members will pay the difference. Approved.**
 - 2. Still working on securing a guest presenter, with confidence that this will fit in the budget after food and facilities are paid.
 - 3. Considering locations for Sunday board meeting: CWES, TRSD board room, Create Portage County new space.
 - 4. Tom and Camille will finalize details this week.
 - ii. Open Enrollment Promotions - **requesting \$300 for advertising. Approved.**
 - 1. Brooke will be posting ads on social media.
 - 2. Print brochures.
 - 3. Plan 2-3 open houses with group tours, and possibly have promotional materials to hand out. Confirmed dates with CWES calendar: **February 23, March 16.**
- d. Staffing
 - i. TRCCS Staffing - move to closed session.
- e. Governance Board
 - i. Board Retreat
 - 1. Potential guest speakers: Sarah Hackett recommended a few options: Paul Tweed from Wildlands charter school, Al Brant retired charter principal from Appleton, or Candy Severson from Birchwood evolution & sustainability. Tom will confirm someone.
 - 2. Draft agenda shared and discussed.
 - 3. Agendas for both the retreat and the business meeting must be posted Thursday. The dinner/social time must also be posted as a possible presence of a quorum.
 - ii. Mission/Vision/Logo Committee Launch
 - 1. Tom reached out to get informal interest from all TRCCS staff members. Several teachers and staff have expressed interest. An invitation to parents will be sent out by Tom.
 - iii. Joint Staff-Board Meeting Follow-up
 - 1. Brad and Camille organized the rough data collected from the meeting into a spreadsheet, and this document will be used to prioritize next steps and action items. This will be discussed more at the retreat.
 - 2. Brad will communicate the board's plan with Hailey so she can disseminate an update to the staff.
 - iv. Joint TRSD-TRCCS Board Meeting
 - 1. **Mark Kryshak agreed to schedule the joint meeting for April 9th, 7pm in the TRSD board room.**
 - a. The TRCCS GB will meet prior to the joint session at 6:30 pm to address any business items, and resume after the joint session if necessary.
 - 2. Topic: Vision for potential future TRCCS expansion.
 - v. Elections June 2025
 - 1. Four members are up for renewal: Matt, Tom, Laura, and Camille. These members need to inform the Board Development Committee whether they intend to run for another term before May 1st.
 - 2. The Board Development Committee will draft communication to the wider school community to invite interested candidates to complete Section 4.02 Qualification by May 1st in order to be on the ballot. Put

- it in the newsletter going out January 15.
6. Enter into Closed Session 7:44pm to discuss staffing
 - a. Information regarding staffing was shared, no decisions needed to be made.
 7. Return to Open Session 8:10pm
 8. Action Items, Meeting Review, & Adjourn: Tina adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Upcoming Events

- January 17th-19th: Alliance for Public Waldorf Education Conference
- January 24th-25th: TRCCS Play
- January 31st: Winter Performance, Grades 1st-4th
- February 15th-16th: Board Retreat
- February 21st: Winter Performance, Grades 5th-8th