



**Tomorrow River Community Charter School
Governance Board Meeting**

Monday October 2nd, 2017, 6:30 pm
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
10186 Cty. MM Amherst Junction, WI 54407

MEETING MINUTES

| Attendee | Present? | Attendee | Present? |
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| Diana Bohman* | X | Tom Quinn | yes |
| Maggie Dorsey | yes | Kristy Stacy | yes |
| Tina Giombetti | yes | Sarah Tompkins | yes |
| Chamomile Nusz* | yes | | |
| Louise Pease | yes | | |

*Non-voting member

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| Other Attendees: |
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1. Opening Meeting

The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:37 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station by Chair Louise Pease. Voting board members in attendance were: Tina Giombetti, Louise Pease, Kristy Stacy, Maggie Dorsey, Sarah Tompkins and Tom Quinn.

2. Opening

- a. Gathering Verse: Louise Pease
- b. Sharing of positive memory and introductions: All
- c. Monthly Reading Discussion: Chapter 5 of "Understanding Waldorf in Education: Teaching From the Inside Out" by Jack Petrash

3. Business

- a. **Approval of Agenda**
- b. **Next Meeting Monday November 6th, 2017**
- c. Public Participation
 - None
- d. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Approve August Meeting Minutes

2. Committee/Faculty Meeting Minutes
 3. Contractor/Employee Reports
 4. Financial Report
- Teacher Reports
 1. Nothing to address at this time.
 - TRVCS Report
 1. Things are going really well! There has been some discussion from the staff about how the virtual school will affect TRCCS, but no one has reported any issues thus far.
 2. Maggie has been having weekly meetings with the students in person and through Zoom.
 3. Parents have reported that the virtual school has really helped them have focused study.
 - Alliance report from Chamomile
 1. Update on the partnership that is strengthening between the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, AWSNA, and WECAN.
 - 3rd Friday Count/Annual District Budget for TRCCS/TRVCS
 1. Discussion on final budget.
 - a. Room for office and classroom supplies to be added.
 - CWES Contract
 1. Review of contract. Only typos to correct.
 2. Contract is at the District for approval.
 - a. **Board approves of contract.**
 - Parent Circle
 1. Discussion on how to get the Parent Circle operating more independently.
 2. Sarah has offered to help parents to transition into being completely parent-led.
 - a. Three outings a school year and one per summer
 - b. Parent education
 - c. Teacher appreciation
 - d. Cookbook
 - TRSD Mission Statement
 1. Reviewed by Board.
 - Classroom Teacher Observations
 1. Discussion of importance of all teachers being involved in teacher observations.
 - a. **In the interest of expanding the teachers' perspective of our school and what other teachers and students are doing, the Governance Board would like all teachers to participate in classroom observations twice per school year during the scheduled fall and spring observation time. Teachers should not be able to opt out of the observations. This will go to the**

staff for discussion.

- Fundraising Fund Allocation
 1. Discussion on where fundraised money is going.
 - a. Field trips: Many parents are not paying for field trips.
 - i. Staff support personnel will add a “hardship” line to the field trip form to help determine if the fees are simply being forgotten about or if families cannot afford them.
 - ii. Staff support personnel will also develop a check sheet for teachers to track payments and hardships requested as well as create a communication sheet for teachers to inquire about payment. The office will bill families for unpaid field trip fees based on tracking sheet data.
 - b. Discussion on account balance and future fundraised monies needs.
 - i. **Unless otherwise stated, 50% of fundraised money will be allocated to the Auxiliary Fund.**
- 2017/18 School Year Start, Stats, Questions
 1. No discussion necessary.
- Annual Report
 1. Have your content added by October 23rd so report can be finalized in November for a December mailing.
 2. Reports will be accompanied by a gift.
 3. Board members will hand-deliver the gifts.
- Community Partners
 1. Grandparents
 - a. Waldorf schools traditionally have a Grandparents and Special Friends Day.
 - i. Grandparents get to sit in on a class for a short while.
 - ii. Breakfast is served
 - iii. Teachers take turns presenting to grandparents.
 - iv. Tour is given.
 - v. Question and answer session.
 - vi. Sign up for volunteering opportunities.
 - vii. Pledge to Annual Fund.
 1. Work with Tom and Cham to get it on the schedule.
 2. Alternative Education
 - a. Opportunities to invite those students here for projects or to work with students on tasks.
 - i. Invite teachers/administrators to Partners Breakfast.
 - ii. Identify places in which alternative school students can get involved at TRCCS and work with teachers/administrators about getting them here.

3. Artists
 - a. Work to create stronger relationships with local artists and artist organizations.
 - i. Ask artists to come to TRCCS to help with classes/practical arts.
 4. Master Gardeners
 - a. Local chapter will be meeting soon and partnering with us will be on their agenda.
 - i. Invite them to help put up the hoop house on November 3th-5th.
 - ii. Invite to help Ms. Sam in Gardening class.
 - iii. Invite them to help with new garden going in.
 - iv. Invite them to come speak for the 5th grade botany class next year.
 - v. Invite them to Community Partners Breakfast.
 5. Sunset Lake Community
 - a. Tom has been in contact quite a bit with the CWES's neighbors about the timber harvesting happening here.
 - i. Invite them to Community Partners Breakfast.
 - ii. Connect the CWES marketing with TRCCS marketing.
 6. Community Organizations/Local Businesses
 - a. Cham is working with a local business about preparing their daycare kids for entrance into our school.
 - b. Working to strengthen relationships with the Boys and Girls Club.
 - i. Invite representatives to Community Partners Breakfast.
 7. Charter Schools
 - a. Maggie would like to visit charter schools in the area and invite them to our school.
 - i. Contact a charter school and schedule a visit.
 1. Invite to Community Partners Breakfast.
4. Events
 - a. Farmshed Fundraiser: Order forms are in and will be entered into the Farmshed's spreadsheet by volunteers this week.
 - b. Festival of Courage: October 9th, 1 pm
 - a. Community Breakfast: Monday, October 30th at 8:45 pm
 - Postcards are done so please enter your contacts into the database by October 3rd, 2017.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J_7OnkD8UsxKefLK1mTT7KYB6YGo6_8ixlwB3m00JBg/edit#gid=0
 - c. Holiday Faire: December 3rd
 - Vendor application is finished and is being circulated.

- Please share Holiday Faire vendor application via social media and email:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdv5IZ6Xg-GEijCT7TZ2CLIGME8aTAxoly_Mnrw-mL9yGJkw/viewform?usp=sf_link

d. Adjourn Meeting 9:25 pm