



# The New American Academy Charter School

## TNAACS Board Meeting

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### Date and Time

Wednesday April 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM EDT

### Location

Remote Meeting Due to NY Pause

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance and Guests			
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Lisa Parquette Silva	5 m
<b>C.</b> Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Lisa Parquette Silva	10 m
To approve last month's minutes			
Approve minutes for TNAACS Board Meeting on March 25, 2020			
<b>II. Finance</b>			<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Monthly Financials	Discuss	Jennifer Trani	20 m
• Discuss March 2020 Financials			
<b>III. Governance</b>			<b>5:35 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Updates from NYSED in Regards to School Closure Due to Coronavirus	Discuss	Lisa Parquette Silva	15 m

- To share information from NYSED around school closure
- 180 day school year requirement is waived until May 15th
- While the DOE announced schools are closed for the remainder of the year, the governor has stated only he has the authority to close or open schools
- Currently per pupil funding is the same - but it is clear there will be education cuts in the future
- We are designing next years budget to take these cuts into account

#### IV. Education

5:50 PM

A. Update on TNAACS Distance Learning	FYI	Lisa Parquette Silva	20 m
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- Discussion of continued use of Zoom to deliver live online instruction
- NYSED has stated that they consider live online lessons to be a Best Practice
- NYSED continues to use Zoom but does not endorse any specific virtual platform.
- Zoom is actively monitoring and revising its privacy policies and safety features
- Zoom versus Google Meets:
  - Zoom has greater controls for teachers:
    - password protected
    - virtual waiting rooms - students must be admitted into all lessons
    - ability to virtually "lock" classrooms once lesson begins
    - can virtually remove students from lessons
    - Teacher controls mute & unmute features
    - students are able to virtually raise their hands to respond
    - all students can be seen
    - better video quality
    - can create one meeting code/password that can be used multiple times
    - ease of use for families
  - Google Meets
    - password protected,
    - students and families must be invited to lessons daily with a new link/password everyday
    - teacher does not control mute/unmute - must rely on students
    - can only see a maximum of 4 students at a time
    - has no hands up feature - teacher does not know when student wants to respond
    - more difficult for parents to use

#### V. Other Business

6:10 PM

A. Student Lottery and Recruitment Update	FYI	Lisa Parquette Silva	15 m
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**The TNAACS Lottery took place on April 6, 2020:**

**OFFER MADE - PENDING ACCEPTANCE: 106**

Kindergarten - 58  
 1st Grade - 14  
 2nd Grade - 12  
 3rd Grade - 11  
 4th Grade - 8  
 5th Grade - 3 (Siblings of Applicants in Lower Grades)

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<b>REGISTRATION COMPLETE: 12</b>			
Kindergarten - 9			
3rd Grade - 1			
4th Grade - 2			

<b>REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS: 44</b>			
Kindergarten - 30			
1st Grade - 2			
2nd Grade - 4			
3rd Grade - 3			
4th Grade - 5			

We had our first Virtual Information Session for new families on Wednesday April 15th - 23 families attended  
 We will hold our second information session within the next two weeks

<b>VI. Closing Items</b>		<b>6:25 PM</b>
<b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b>	Vote	5 m