



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location

9301 Avenue B Brooklyn New York

Directors Present

A. Sadr-Kiani (remote), E. DeAngelis (remote), F. Monroe (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

H. Hunt, K. Monroe

Guests Present

J. Trani (remote), L. Parquette Silva (remote), L. Scorsone (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. DeAngelis called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Jan 29, 2020 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

F. Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 12-11-19.

A. Sadr-Kiani seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. Introduction of Director of Data & Finance

Jennifer Trani is our new Director of Data & Finance •

Lisa officially welcomed and introduced Jenny and told the board about her background with TNAA.

Jenny has been with TNAACS since we opened in 2013 • Jenny has been a highly Effective Master Teacher for 4 years.

Jenny has been leading schoolwide data, cognitively guided instruction in math, and turnkeying DataWise training to the ELT.

B. Monthly Financials

Monthly Financials Discussion

Jennifer Trani

Lisa spoke about how there was a redistribution of Matt Harrington's job responsibilities.

Discuss December 2019 Financials

350 students budget, now 327

With staff changes and reconfiguring staff, there should be a surplus of 11,000 by being creative with the new roles and responsibilities of the existing staff

Jenny also spoke to how TNAACS is being fiscally conservative to stay well within budget.

Two Long Island students were not getting funding for these students but Jenny is active in gaining the funds for these students and has worked with the parent and East Islip school district to receive these funds.

Lisa also spoke about how Jenny is also looking at how much money we are spending on PD and getting best payback based on data.

Lisa spoke about how the new roles are going smoothly such as payroll and she spoke about monitoring no fault days to support the budget and instruction.

Mac asked if the teachers will be getting an update about their days. Lisa explained that the information is available on line for teachers to monitor on line. Lisa also stated that the handbook is updated and one recommended changes is that teachers do no cash out their banked days to 0 - that they must leave something in reserve.

III. Governance

A.

New Board Member

Lisa Silva proposed that Matt Harrington, former Director of Operations, join the TNAACS Board. Lisa provided Matt's background and asked the board what their thoughts were about this. The board.

Beth made a motion to have Matt Harrington participate as a board member. Fleur seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. Education

A. Staffing Update

As of January 3, 2020 our Floater Teacher no longer works for TNAACS. Lisa explained that there was a disciplinary meeting regarding lack of supervision and an inappropriate conversation with the parent among other issues, she was terminated.

We are in the process of hiring a new floater. TNAACS had a hiring day on January 23 with 5 potential candidates and 3 attended. One candidate, Laurie, will be returning on Friday for a demo lesson.

There is a charter school in the Bronx is closing and some of those teachers may be interviewing soon at TNAACS.

The new floater will not need to cover maternity leave but rather will be a day to day sub.

V. Other Business

A. Student Recruitment Update

Applications as of today, for September 2020 there are 133 applications.

This time last year we had 174 applicants •

The grade breakdown is as follows: K-79; 1st-12; 2nd-10; 3rd-10; 4th-16; 5th-6 •

This time last year we had 96 kindergarten applications.

Recruitment efforts include:

Vanguard mailing continue.

The Parent Engagement Committee is planning an event for potential families. Looking at possibly promoting it on the radio as well.

Distributing flyers the neighborhood which started this month.

Lisa has planned visits to Friends of Crown Heights and SCO Early Childhood Center.

There are walk in school tours every Wednesday morning.

TNAACS is being advertised by the Charter School Center.

The number one way is word of mouth through parents and

in addition we will be attending a student recruitment fair at LIU in Brooklyn in March, It is an expensive to join \$1600 - but will be an email list of all the parents that attend.

The trend is District 17, there are fewer students and more charter schools to choose from.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

One additional piece of information is that Test Prep will be done after school and not on Saturday. Jenny did a data analysis of the scores and test prep lessons and worked with the teachers who will be doing test prep and what lessons are needed to support student achievement.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. DeAngelis

Documents used during the meeting

- Monthly Report_Dec 2019_TNAACS.pdf