



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Location

Remote Meeting Due to NY Pause

Directors Present

A. Sadr-Kiani (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote), K. Monroe (remote), M. Harrington (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

E. DeAngelis

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Parquette Silva called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Apr 22, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

H. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 03-25-20.

A. Sadr-Kiani seconded the motion.

None

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

Roll Call

F. Monroe Aye

K. Monroe Aye

V. McDonald Aye

H. Hunt Aye

E. DeAngelis Absent

A. Sadr-Kiani Aye

H. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from 3-25-2020.

A. Sadr-Kiani seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance

A. Monthly Financials

Jenny Trani gave an overview of the most recent financials.

III. Governance

A. Updates from NYSED in Regards to School Closure Due to Coronavirus

Lisa shared information from NYSED around school closure that she received via webinar. She shared that the Governor announced 180 day school year requirement is waived in NYS until May 15th. She also shared that while the DOE has already announced NYCDOE schools are closed for the remainder of the year that this was his "opinion" - This is because only the Governor has stated has the authority to close or open schools in NYS and he has not yet made a decision about this and is making this decision in two-week increments.

During the webinar it was shared that currently per pupil funding is the same - but it is clear there will be education cuts in the future. As a result the school is designing next year's budget to take these cuts into account.

IV. Education

A. Update on TNAACS Distance Learning

Lisa led a discussion about the continued use of Zoom to deliver live online instruction at TNAACS. Lisa shared the reasons why as follows:

- 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

A. Student Lottery and Recruitment Update

Lisa shared that the TNAACS Lottery took place remotely on April 6, 2020. She shared that the offers made were as follows:

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)

REGISTRATION COMPLETE: 12

Kindergarten - 9

3rd Grade - 1

4th Grade - 2

REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS: 44

Kindergarten - 30

1st Grade - 2

2nd Grade - 4

3rd Grade - 3

4th Grade - 5

Lisa shared that TNAACS held it's first Virtual Information Session for new families on Wednesday April 15th - 23 families attended. The school will hold their second information session within the next two weeks

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Parquette Silva

Documents used during the meeting

- Monthly Report_Mar 2020_TNAACS.pdf