



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), C. Kelly (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote), M. Lynch (remote), V. McDonald (remote)

Directors Absent

E. DeAngelis

Guests Present

Elaine Schmiedeshoff, J. Trani, L. Parquette Silva (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Kelly called a meeting of the board of directors of The New American Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Dec 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 11-17-22.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. TNAACS Monthly Financials

Elaine Schmiedeshoff reviewed the monthly financials with the board. She said there were no big changes in the budget from the previous month. She said the budget looks great, with enrollment, per pupil, and revenue all up. The school supply budget was increased because the staff is ordering more supplies. This is most likely a result of being back in person full-time. The budget for purchasing additional computers for students and staff. TNAACS is on target to have a budget surplus of \$322,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

III. Data

A. TNAACS Math Data Study

J. Trani shared a TNAACS math data study she has been doing with teaching teams. She shared that she has been working with the lower loop - grades k, 1 & 2 on the progression of math standards from the early grades up to 5th grade. She focused on what math standards were challenging for our 5th-grade students on the state exam and what are the prerequisite standards in earlier grades for that standard. She shared her work with 2nd-grade teachers, where they focused on their math unit of how to partition shapes and the standard around partitioning. In analyzing student work/data, they discovered students were strong with partitioning, but part of the standard, around equal shares of identical wholes, was not effectively addressed. Ms. Trani also shared i-Ready Standards Mastery data for the upper loop.

IV. Committees

A. Governance Committee - Board Goals

C. Kelly shared a document entitled " TNAACS 22-23 Board Goals and Oversight of Principal Goals". She shared some board goals that the committee drafted. Goals were based on surveys & knowing what we need to do as a board moving forward. Categories for board goals included:

- Teaching & Learning
- Board On-Boarding
- Board Communication
- Board Development
- Fiscal Planning
- Long Term Planning

The board spent time reviewing the document and made suggestions for revisions. Board members were also assigned as project leads for various goal categories. The committee also shared a desire to have a "Board Introduction" meeting with staff.

B. Finance Committee

There were no new updates from this committee.

V. Other

A. DOH Updates

L. Silva shared the latest recommendations from the Department of health. These recommendations included strongly recommending indoor mask-wearing. TNAACS sent a letter to families strongly recommending students wear masks. TNAACS is also sending home COVID test kits with every student and is asking families to test students before they return to school after the holiday break. The DOH did stress that masks cannot be mandated but should be strongly encouraged.

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 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Parquette Silva