



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

C. Cuellar-Lezcano (remote), C. Kelly (remote), E. DeAngelis (remote), F. Monroe (remote), H. Hunt (remote)

Directors Absent

K. Yu, M. Lynch, V. McDonald

Guests Present

Elaine Schmeideshoff (remote), J. Trani (remote), L. Parquette Silva (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 Thursday Jan 19, 2023 at 5:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 12-15-22.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.

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

II. Data

A. TNAACS Enrollment Updates

Lisa continued to speak to the enrollment numbers and about how Mr. Marrero is going to local Pre-K's and makes immediate phone calls to all the applicants to make sure that they are in the area or will be moving to the area in order to determine viable applicants - to insure the applicants become enrolled.

It is a little slower this year but they feel confident that they will be able to attain the 315 target, which also means that additional staff will need to be hired.

Lisa described the retention events that are going on to keep families engaged such as Financial Literacy, IEP workshops, along with Principal meetings, Principal read aloud, AP meeting around the Math instruction, and family events such as Talent Show. School tours are also given every Tuesday morning at 10:30 in person and 4 virtual Open Houses for parents who can not get to the building.

They will also begin flyer-ing the neighborhood.

Jenny and Lisa shared the data for the events and the number of parents that are attending for a wide range of events. Lisa shared that the school is trying to offer a varied of events at a variety of times to keep families engaged.

Lisa explained SCOLA to help families match schools with families and what they need.

It begins with a brief survey and then matches them to potential schools. There are subscription services that you can participate in and Lisa stated that TNAACS will utilize this platform to generate leads this year. It is a \$500 a month fee and the school believes that it can generate viable leads which can translate into an actual enrollment.

III. Committees

A. Governance Committee - Board Goals

Lisa suggested that February 17 would be a good day from 1:00-3:30 to introduce the board to the staff.

Colleen stated need for minutes sooner and Lisa said she will make the minutes available the day after the meeting for all board members vs. waiting until a few days before the next board meeting.

Colleen reviewed the plans, goals and committees and committee members from prior meeting and shared the renewal benchmarks and what board or school members are responsible for each of the renewal goals. Colleen explained that the document also has a calendar for milestones and to note when the committee is ready to share with the board. This document was shared with the board members.

Lisa stated how this document will support the work involved when it is time to write the renewal.

Cristy shared a document with board members and roles and responsibilities along with the bylaws and PD for the board, with the goal for each member to attend/read at least one PD event a year.

Lisa and Cristy told the board that you can register for a PD and even if you can not attend, you will be able to watch the webinar at a later date with a link that will be sent to you.

IV. Education

A. Danielson Rubric Training and Teacher Informals

Lisa discussed the work her AP Sheila Osnes is doing with teachers around the revised Danielson Framework for Teaching. She stated that TNAACS will utilize the revised Danielson Rubric for teacher observations and informals. It has been recently revised and Lisa shared the new version with the board.

Lisa shared the powerpoint used for PD sessions with the teachers. There will be 2 Danielson PD sessions and then the teachers do a self assessment and then DTL norm the assessments and support teacher areas of strength and growth and create SMART goals. These growth areas can also include certification goals.

Lisa spoke to the language shift from the 2013 version of Danielson which moves from teacher centered language to student centered language.

Lisa stated that during the PD, the teachers worked in groups and jigsawed the different domains and shared with the whole group.

Lisa shared how the PD has direct links to the Danielson website/domain frameworks/rubrics.

V. Other

A. TNAACS Renewal Updates

Lisa shared that TNAACS was not on the agenda for January meeting. She stated that no schools in the January meeting were closed.

She explained that whatever month they will be discussing TNAACS, we will only know the Friday prior to the Monday meeting.

Lisa and Mac will be notified of the NYSED meeting and this meeting will determine renewal and number of years that the renewal will be for.

Both non-material revisions were approved by NYSED and that seems to bode well for the renewal. The mission statement was not yet approved.

B. Board Professional Development Opportunities

Discussed during Governance Committee/Goals section. Lisa demonstrated how to register for a Board on Track webinar/PD session.

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 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. DeAngelis

Documents used during the meeting

- Monthly Report_Dec 2022_TNAACS.pdf