



The New American Academy Charter School

Minutes

TNAACS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

K. Yu

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

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 Dec 21, 2023 at 5:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

H. Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes from TNAACS Board Meeting on 11-16-23.

C. Cuellar-Lezcano seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance & Data

A. TNAACS Monthly Financials

Elaine Schmiedeshoff shared an overview. She reviewed financials and stated that each month the school is closing the gap in the budget caused by lower enrollment. This trend is due to lower expenses which have been coming in under budget.

Elaine reviewed cash on hand and said the school is in a good financial position.

Mac asked about the rate of depreciation. Elaine explained that it depends on the item - for example furniture is 10 years, electronics is 3 years.

Elaine stated that she will update for 2024 financials to show the items dropping off in the next fiscal year with regard to depreciation. She will email those to Lisa to share with the board.

B. Enrollment

Jenny shared enrollment data. For this year, 261 student (December). For 2024-25, 218 will move on from grades K-4.

Currently there are 30 applicants which is slightly above prior years. The school will continue to engage these families so that they apply and actually attend in September.

The more applicants, the more attendees.

III. Governance

A. Discussion of Student Issue - Executive Session

A motion was made by Colleen to bring us into an Executive session and seconded by Holly.

Disciplinary next steps were discussed.

B. Academic Excellence Committee

Cristy spoke about the meeting with the DTL's and committee members. She informed the board of the members' highlights which included how students hear the story problems in a number of ways (launch) and how there is an increase in how teachers are using their data.

They also spoke to areas of growth including anticipated responses and how teachers can respond and in Grade 2 to become more data driven.

Sheila spoke to increasing student engagement - define it and then how to look for it.

We also spoke about inter-visitations and Lisa agreed that having teachers visit each other is something that they are planning and also doing instructional rounds.

C. TNAACS District Safety Plan

Lisa presented the Safety Plan that TNAACS shares with PS 233 because they share space. Some of this information needs to be shared. Lisa reviewed this with the board. A vote was taken.

Holly made a motion to approve the district wide Safety Plan. Fleur seconded. Passed unanimously.

D. TNAACS Emergency Remote Instruction Plan

Lisa presented the Emergency Remote Instruction Plan both for short and long term. Short term would be for 6 days. Long term plan would be for a situation like Covid including how to take attendance, get connectivity, Chromebooks/devices etc.

Cristy made a motion to pass the Emergency Remote Instruction Plan. Elizabeth seconded. The vote was passed unanimously.

E. After 4 Door-to-Door Busing Option for 2024/2025

Lisa spoke about a DOE program called after 4 busing and those who are entitled to busing can get busing after 4 if your school hours are after 4. The bus company will invoice and the DOE will pay. This company provides door-to-door busing. This would allow for students to do door to door at 3:30 and also do door-to-door for the after school program at 6PM.

This could be very valuable to recruitment for the next school year. He could also provide busing for the summer program.

TNAACS is checking references for schools After 4 busing currently work with. She will ask Mr. Owen to come to the next board meeting to discuss this opportunity with the board members.

F. TNAACS Board Evaluation and Goals

This will be moved to January meeting due to time constraints.

IV. 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 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. DeAngelis