

**Two Rivers Community School
Board of Directors Agenda
April 24, 2023**

Present: Melissa Thomas, Natalie Oransky, Carole Green, Cint Byers, Dawn Shumate, Tara Stollenmaier, April Flanders, Cacey Wells

Absent: Twila Wingrove, Helen Phillips, Amy Gardner

Meeting Opening

Meeting was called to order by Thomas at 5:41pm. Flanders moved to approve the agenda, Greene seconded. Unanimous approval. Thomas moved to approve minutes from the March meeting, Flanders seconded. Unanimous.

Byers read aloud the mission statement, which was affirmed by the Board. Stollenmaier read aloud two policies: Communication and Counsel to the Board and Ends Focus of Grants. Flanders moved to reaffirm, Wells seconded. Unanimous.

Policy Committee

Final draft of the Tech Policy will be circulated soon for a vote of approval.

The director discussed with the board about amending the attendance policy for clarification due to a high number of absences for a large number of students and to handle the large number of education absence requests. The policy needs to be updated as a priority at the next meeting or soon after before the retreat so the Director can update the policy with the school handbook.

PTO update

Gardner reported the following notes:

- May 1-5 is teacher appreciation
- End of year party is may 20th at Brookshire Park
- One more t-shirt sale is upcoming

Staff report

Byers reported:

- Math testing is starting
- Restorative justice is continuing
- Overall mood is good for staff

Director's Report

Budget Updates

- Director is working with new person at Acadia - budget report distributed to board members to review
- Presented a handout with budget adjustment. Projected budget was adjusted for an enrollment of 165 instead of 170. Budget is still at an overage for next year but less than

previously estimated. Motion to approve budget adjustments by Thomas, seconded by Stollenmaier. Unanimous.

- Overall the TRCS budget is in a good position compared to other schools.

Title 1 Federal Funding

- Director worked on documentation for Title 1 federal funding. Officials toured and shared that “it is good to see a school with a clear mission and happy children.”
- Supposed to have a parent on a committee to help decide what title 1 funds are spent on and this is supposed to be updated each year. Parent engagement policy says there is supposed to be a group of parents that can be used as a resource to help decide distribution of title 1 funding.

Campus beautification is ongoing and Rowen Todd came by with his company to pressure wash various places all over campus.

Lottery

There are more people applying and less people saying they are leaving. Enrollment Numbers could be as high as 180 but there is typically an 8% loss

One class has a lottery and there are 5 spots and 6 applications. Director would like to add 1 more seat to the class to accommodate this one application.

Events

Boonerang: TRCS will have a booth at Boonerang in the kids section, near the Library. Seeking parent volunteers and finalizing activity for children.

Back to School fest: August 12th 2023. Starting at 8am. Popcorn activity was a success last year and should be done again. Tara suggests a big sign with a QR code to get more information about the school.

Chamber of Commerce: Chamber after hours in May thursday 11th at the original Mast store. June 8th is the multiple chamber event that Tara is planning to attend.

Retreat:

- Tentative date set for August 7th at Blue Ridge Energy. Needs to be before teacher work days on August 9-11.
- Restorative justice presentation would be good including having board development activities.

Newsletter submission Dawn will forward board photos taken today to Natalie and Melissa.

Board membership: Current members were encouraged to recruit additional board members.

Slide repair: The slide on upper campus was supposed to be repaired in April. Thomas following up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29.