

**Two Rivers Community School
Board of Directors Agenda
January 23, 2023**

Present: Melissa Thomas, Dawn Shumate, Helen Phillips, Amy Gardner, April Flanders, Twila Wingrove, Natalie Oransky, Tara Stollenmaier

Absent: Cacey Wells

Opening the Meeting

Melissa Thomas, Director, called the meeting to order at 5:32. Flanders moved to approve the Agenda, Wingrove seconded, unanimous approval. Thomas moved to approve the Minutes from the November meeting, Wingrove seconded, unanimous approval.

Thomas asked for declarations of conflicts of interest. None provided. Thomas observed that no members of the public were present for comment.

At each meeting, the Board reviews one section of the policy manual related to Board Functions. Board members read GP-6. Flanders moved to affirm the policy, Shumate seconded. Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports

Wingrove reported that the Policy Committee sent out a draft of the proposed revisions to the TRCS Technology Policy. Board members were asked to read it and be prepared to discuss the new policy at the next meeting.

Thomas gave an update on Campus Improvement initiatives. The Board agreed that Thomas would reach out to Lowe's about financial support to improve the campus buildings.

Oransky provided an update on attempts at TRCS having a school bus or van. The goal would be to purchase 2 12-passenger vans, but used vans are difficult to find in this economy. In addition, TRCS must have the proper insurance to cover a driver and limit school liability. Stollenmaier agreed to seek out information about insurance coverage.

Gardner provided several PTO updates:

- bowling fundraiser sold 100 tickets
- Peace Fest will be in the American Legion building in Blowing Rock in March
- Scholastic Book Fair in April
- Teacher Appreciation and End of Year Picnic in Spring

Gardner requested that at the next meeting the Board provide feedback to the PTO regarding how to better support recruitment. A board member suggested that PTO help distribute recruitment materials throughout the community.

Director Report

Enrollment update: 4 new students after the winter holiday. Now up to 163 enrollment, but ADM is 161.

Budget update: State funding increased by about \$76,000. Oransky moved to increase speech services, psychological services, water and sewer, and legal services. Wingrove moved. Thomas seconded. Unanimous vote.

Oransky drew the Board's attention to changes in costs associated with utilities. And suggested there may be a need in the future to adjust accordingly. The school may also need to increase its budget for substitute teachers.

The Giving Campaign in December raised about \$5000 from 37 people, mostly current parents and grandparents.

Oransky also reported that she wrote a grant for "De-Escalation Funds," to support efforts to reduce student discipline problems. Goal of this mechanism is to reduce suspensions, removals from class, physical holds, etc.

Staff update: 3 teachers got bonuses for EOG growth. Kudos to them!

Parent update: Oransky reviewed results of the parent survey. The Board suggested some of the quotations will be helpful for social media and in recruitment ads.

Marketing Discussion

The Board raised the question of how much time is left on the TRCS property loan. Oransky agreed to bring that information to the Board at the next meeting.

Flanders shared that the School has purchased ads on the digital billboard on the corner of Highway 421 and Old US 421. The ads will appear leading up to open enrollment

Flanders moved to adjourn the meeting, Stollenmaier seconded, unanimously approved.