

Thomas Edison Charter Schools  
Governing Board Meeting  
June 4, 2014

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In attendance: Adam Burris, Emma Bullock, Danae Pruden, Tirzah Anderson

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Conducting: Tirzah Anderson

Pledge: Adam Burris

Adoption of Agenda: motion to adopt agenda as currently written: Tirzah Anderson

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Charter Highlight - Danae Pruden: Board expectations and behavior  
equal oversight of both schools

Board Development:

Policy Highlight - Tirzah Anderson: 1306 background check policy - ensure protection of students parent and staff. non licensed at least every 6 years. leg has passed a new hb 124 sb1 sounded like from training, creating a system of continuous monitoring. as part, all empl hired prior to july of this year must have a new one before september 2018 for continuous.

we may require that indiv to supply contract services, po exec counsels have checks and where reasonable cause exists may require more often, but will change.

Training Objectives: carpenter article on mastering board fundamentals. imp to read charter. board exists to make sure charter is fulfilled. fundamental govern as though personally liable, they are. gave reasons to minimize risk.

TECS: Charter:

Governance: Fundamentals of Charter School Governance & Building the Foundation for an Effective Board

Compliance: State of Utah Little Manual for Local & Special Service Districts

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Tabled

Board Member Appointment - Tirzah Anderson: vacant seat on the board. great indiv express interest. feel like the best applicant is Nick Jackson. on behlf of personnel ocmmittee move that we approve nj as newest board member from now until may 21, 2016. ta

Nick will be on finance committee with adam as part of motion he will be treasurer

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#### Contractor/Vendor Approvals

##### a. Property/Liability Insurance - Adam Burris:

Adam handed out a paper with 2 options. The finance committee would like to keep all insurance with Hanover. They are known and we have had dealings with them. Hanover has a little better service. fc recommends to renew with

Motion to stay with Hanover and use them solely for liba and propL aam  
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ta haven't had to deal with them a ton. have a few legal matters dealt with them. They were fantastic, even though they were not the insurance company at the time.

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#### Personnel Requests - Melani Kirk:

New office aide. Trina moving back to counselor. need office aide up front. Hiring Kaylee Maughan. She will be good up there.

Motion to approve personnel request: Tirzah Anderson

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#### Finance Subcommittee Report - Adam Burris:

handed out financial forecast for both schools. Things are looking great at both schools. This also assumes enrollment figures.

#### Achievement Subcommittee Report - Emma Bullock:

We had an exceptional meeting last week. 2 hour block. looked at SAGE data in detail for math. as a caveat, not smi data this year. would have liked to have another point of reference. we were able to glean some interesting info.

first - strengths we saw from data - looking at grades at this point and by content strand.

traditionally low content strands, but ours were high, elementary fractions one of the highest areas.

ms statistics, probability and geometry are good.

looked more at the average and lower groups. started to see some things emerging confirmed by anecdotal evidence of teachers in attendance.

in elem 3-5 operations and algebraic thinking was weakest area. quite a bit of research that show type of gains made in grade 3 and 5 highest predictor of how you will do in high school math. strongest algebra teachers needs to be in grades 2-5

ties in to lowest in 6-8th functions and expressions and equations.

scott mentioned that he is going to pull out the core and have the teachers look through saxon and mark which lessons align with the core. be doing a content alignment.

awareness of teachers, and of thinking about professional development

ms - thinking along same lines in functions and expressions and equations.  
other thing brought up by Angela alignment of ms texts with the core. are we using the right textbooks at the right grades.

course 1 is a 5th grade book

course 2 is a 6th

course 3 is 7th

if there are some ways that we could be renaming the courses we offer and using the tools more effectively. No definitive changes were made.

weakest grades overall were middle school.

feel very confident in admin and staff that we are using the data we have and using to try to make improvements to benefit our kids right away..

time to move to ELA

Policy/Personnel Subcommittee Report - Tirzah Anderson:

finally have a staffed board. tirzah thanked everyone.

working on revisiting board handbook, making it a better tool. starting to get into legislative summary for policies that need to be amended.

hope to have handbook ready for approval at next meeting

Adjourn ta

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