

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
September 7, 2016**

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In attendance: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Late: Denae Pruden

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge of Allegiance: Audra Parent

Charter Highlight: Emma Bullock read the part of the charter to do with curriculum, philosophy and guidelines.

Adoption of Agenda – Adam Burris:

Motion to adopt proposed agenda: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock

No: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris:

Motion to approve minutes from May 25th as constituted: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent

Abstain: Emma Bullock

Motion to approve the minutes for July 6th: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock

No: None

Motion to approve the minutes for August 3: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock

No: None

Engineer Report – Scott Jackson:

Max Pearson, CRS engineers met with Scott to be able to address his concerns.

Denae Pruden arrived 5:38.

He presented two different options, one with 36 additional parking stalls, one with 72 and more drop off pick up area. Scott mentioned that the first option would work well to be phased.

Jim Peterson asked about the drainage and if it would answer the city's concerns. Max explained that there are a few options and it should not be a problem.

UAPCS – Royce van Tassell, executive director of UAPCS: Royce gave reasons for why he told the state board that the association wants a fee charged for Aspire, even though schools do not. It was a political trade off.

He let us know that the legislature is looking at a new way of funding. Historically they relied on seat time as the basis for promoting students. They want to fund based on whether a student has learned and are trying to figure out how to make it work. They are also looking at the relationship between schools of choice and sporting events.

UAPCS Renewal and delegate authorization – Adam Burris:

Motion to renew membership with UAPCS: Adam Burris

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Denae Pruden

No: None

The proposed delegate for Edison South is Melani Kirk. Brad Larsen is the alternate. For Edison North, Shem Smith is the proposed delegate with Scott Jackson as alternate.

Motion to approve the delegates for UAPCS as proposed: Audra Parent

Second: Kim Winward

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Denae Pruden

No: None

Achievement Report – Denae/Emma/Scott/Melani/Angela/Shem:

Scott Jackson: The state testing reports become public on the 15th. The schools are constantly working to do a better job with the students. The curriculum is solid, but not showing on the test scores.

The Interim tests made no difference with one exception. It woke everyone up to where the students were on the first interim. Doing one interim will give the schools the needed information.

Scott had teachers create a plan to work with the students on the math concepts they did not excel in last year. SAGE formative was used to work with the students so they could teach the students and talk about the problems. That was done for four weeks using motivators. The motivators were tickets showing how they scored on the last test so they could try to do better.

Melani commented this causes the Saxon curriculum to be put aside for four weeks to teach to the test.

She explained that Saxon teaches a wide variety. There were some gaps with state core that need to be filled. This experiment let the administration form a definite plan to fill the gaps.

Principal Evaluation Policy – Chris/Denae:

No concerns were expressed after the policy was sent.

Scott wanted to affirm that the purpose is to bring the board and principals together into some commonality and to make sure future boards that have an agenda wouldn't undermine the principal. He is hoping the process will facilitate a working relationship between the board and principals in a cohesive way.

Adam thinks it does that, by communicating the focus of the principals to the board on an annual basis.

Motion to approve principal evaluation policy as constituted: Adam Burris

Second: Emma Bullock

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Denae Pruden

No: None

Counseling Report – Jamin Bingham:

- Each year the counselor meets with 8th and 9th graders and their parents to discuss high school and post high school plans. Edison South had 100% parent attendance for 9th grade and 95% for 8th grade. Edison North had 93% 8th grade attendance. At times there are multiple attempts to contact parents.
- Last year the counselors did a school-wide college week. Big Blue showed up unexpectedly at Edison South. The students loved it. It promoted conversation about college. Teachers hung up pennants and wore t-shirts from their colleges. Teachers were given topics to spend a couple of minutes discussing each day. A statistics professor talked about careers in math and related fields. The day was topped off with Aggie Ice Cream.
- TVs were installed at both schools to display information about college, careers and school announcements.
- About a week and a half before the end of the term, missing assignment lists are printed for students with a grade of D or F because of missing assignments.
- A project was created to remind students about the last day to turn in make-up work for the end of the term. All teachers decided on a common day. Jamin wore a sandwich sign up and down the halls that let them know the "end" was coming.
- A letter was sent home 5th term to see if it would make a big difference on grades, but it did not.
- One of the goals the board set was for students to have high citizenship marks. The citizenship party, done each year, has increased citizenship.

Fee Waiver Policy – Adam/Chris:

Motion to renew annual fee waiver policy: Adam Burris

Second: Emma Bullock

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Denae Pruden

No: None

South Roof – Adam/Brad:

The finance and audit committee, led by Brad, studied the bids and recommends that the roof for phases one and two of Edison South be repaired using contingency funds.

Motion to approve recommendation from finance and audit committee to redo roof: Adam Burris

Second: Emma Bullock

Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Audra Parent, Emma Bullock, Denae Pruden

No: None

Finance Report Jim Peterson: There were some receipts that Steve did not receive in time to be included in the August report. Edison South is \$41,000 in the black and Edison North is \$23,000 in the black.

Jim talked about special education funding. Schools receive the funding based on what was happening two years ago. Jim will divide the money by who has the needs it during the current year instead of two years in the past.

Principal Reports – Scott/Melani/Shem/Brad:

Engineer Report – Scott Jackson:

Scott introduced Steve Earl with Cache Landmark Engineering. They have done work for Edison South previously. Steve met with Shem and Scott to find out what needed to be solved. He presented six options. One separated pick up/drop off from parking. He wanted to improve the situation for the least amount of dollars spent, so only added 10 to 15 more parking stalls. Part of the land could be used for other purposes. It would be a great area for field day instead of going to the park.

Increasing parking spots to more than needed means more to maintain, additional construction costs, storm drains and plowing in the winter.

Adam wondered if North Logan would allow a frontage road so close to an egress and ingress. It would need to be checked with North Logan City.

Vendor/Contractor Approvals:

Training Objectives – Chris Johnnie: Tabled

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris