

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
November 2, 2016**

5:31

In attendance: Kim Winward, Emma Bullock, Adam Burris, Audra Parent

Late: Chris Johnnie

Excused: Denae Pruden

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge of Allegiance: Adam Burris

Charter Highlight: Kim Winward

Kim highlighted the curriculum and instruction portion. The school's philosophy and purpose sets it apart from others.

Adoption of Agenda - Adam Burris:

Motion to approve the agenda as constituted: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

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

Chris Johnnie is in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes - Adam Burris:

Motion to approve the October 2016 minutes: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

Unanimous

Achievement Report – Emma/Scott/Melani/Angela/Brad:

Emma - School grading is somewhat important since parents can log on and compare schools with similar demographics. The law says that if more than 65% of schools get As and Bs they increase the requirement. Only 72 schools got a B this year. The schools did really well. Both schools grew from last year and were above the state averages again.

Scott – Scott explained the chart of DIBELS scores for 15-16 and BOY (beginning of year) 16-17. It is broken down by district and school. Some changes were made to what we teach since last year and scores increased.

Edison South typically has more new students than Edison North. By disaggregating the scores, it is possible to see where they are increasing or decreasing.

Thomas Edison's special education population is 13.91%, Cache's is 12.3 and Logan's is also over 13.

The schools have concentrated on how to give help to those students who are struggling with reading. The 6 Minute Solution has been tremendously successful. Headsprout has been looked at as part of RTI.

Adam asked for ideas on why sometimes the percentage of proficiency goes down as the year progresses.

Emma doesn't totally agree. Last year, first grade went up in middle of year and was steady in second grade. Her opinion is that she doesn't see anything that overly concerns her. Based on multiple measures she is not now concerned with a lot of things she was previously. The school is utilizing data in really effective ways.

Audra asked about extending DIBELS to higher grades. Scott said it was discussed in an achievement committee meeting because it would be nice to see how the older students progress, but the state is not paying for students above 3rd grade.

Melani thought the Six Minute Solution might give the needed progress information.

Reading Achievement – Scott Jackson/Shem Smith:

Motion to approve K-3 achievement reading plans detailed in Scott's handout: Adam Burriss

Second: Emma Bullock

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

Finance Report – Jim Peterson:

Jim made the following change to the preliminary budget projection from June:

- Cash surplus projection has gone down at both schools
- Staffing and salary adjustments
- Medical insurance (from final numbers) There will still be more changes based on census.
- Prior year ADM + growth
- Special education funding (number of special ed students went up, based on 5 year average and self-contained students two years ago.
- Because of staffing adjustments, educator salary adjustments changed
- Other minor changes

The way self-contained students are counted at charters is different now. It used to be self-contained students were counted in regular membership as part of the October 1 count and again in December when special education counts were turned in and funding updated. They no longer count in regular membership.

TECS has the fourth highest percentage of self-contained students compared with all other charters in the state. Spectrum is highest, but that is their mission. This makes TECS third out of 102 schools.

Contingency Goal – Adam Burriss/Jim Peterson:

The contingency goal is approved as part of the November board meeting. The numbers are slightly different than what is on the budget. There is additional funding in the allotment memo. Extended year special education funding was added.

Motion to approve contingency goal of 5.43 at Edison North, 6.57 at Edison South, with 6.0 composite:

Adam Burriss

Second: Audra Parent

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

Edison North Parking Lot – Scott Jackson/Shem Smith:

Scott asked if the board subcommittee wants to be involved in the planning stages with the engineer. Adam asked that the subcommittee just be apprised.

Principal Reports – Scott/Melani/Shem/Brad:

Melani Kirk

- Parent teacher conference went well. The total attendance for elementary was 98.3% and they are still attempting to contact parents.
- The book fair was fantastic. They have added two more book fairs.
- There will be further discussion on the land purchase.
- The middle school dance is fantastic, classy and students love it.

Scott Jackson

- Enrollment is the highest it has been. Two more students would fill the school.
- Have been piloting a LEGO League after school. It has been really exciting to see what is happening there. It started with 10 students. In the spring they want to expand to additional students.
- Looking at purchasing an additional four to five labs of Chromebooks. Trying to have more accountability by assigning them to students in 4th and 5th grades.
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Shem Smith

- The ad will be in Valpack again for two months and in another 6 months in the movie theaters.

Rory Anderson and Stephani Bennion use the Chromebooks daily for piloting a program in English and math called, “1 Excel”. It lists all state standards and gives a framework for teaching them. In 6th grade there are 140 standards. It teaches a lesson on each standard. The students take notes and have an adaptive practice for 10 minutes. It tells them why a question is wrong and they get another question. Students like using the program and spend more time on it than asked.

Scott added that they have been using it as a supplementary program instead of the main program. It is free for a month, but then it needs to be purchased.

Personnel Requests – Scott:

Preston Winn will take the place of Chelsea Jones.

Julianne Wood is to be the science teacher in middle school replacing Michelle Carlson.

Motion to approve the personnel requests: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

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

Vendor/Contract Approvals

Motion to approve Mt. Peak to do roof at Edison South: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

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

Motion to move to closed session: Adam Burris

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

No: None

Reconvene Open Meeting/Action from Closed Session:

No action from closed session

Training Objectives:

- Online policy and procedures manual
- Finance and facilities - audit review and forecasting
- Policy and personnel – stakeholder input for planning
- Start moving with recommendations for Emma’s replacement on the board
- Curriculum committee – assessment review

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris