

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
February 1, 2017
5:30 pm**

In attendance: Dena Pruden, Adam Burris, Kim Winward, Audra Parent, Chris Johnnie

Excused: Emma Bullock

Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge: Audra Parent

Charter Highlight: Kim Winward - Kim reviewed the portion on parent involvement.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda: Adam Burris

Second: Dena Pruden

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

Public comment: None

Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris:

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 2017 meeting: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

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

Steve Earl – Scott Jackson:

Steve is the engineer developing plans for the property at the school. He has developed additional concepts and cleaned some up. He showed plans for three of them. Some have more green area, some more parking.

Adam asked about the process of completing the project. Once a layout and phasing are chosen, the plans will be created and submitted to the city. Once the city approves the plan, it will be put out for bids.

Ralph Trumble – Scott Jackson: Ralph is a 4th grade teacher at Edison North. He initiated a robotics team there this year. This program then gave them the opportunity to do research, use advanced mathematics, engineering skills and learn computer programming.

The team found out recently that they get to go to the state competition at Weber State next Saturday. The team became successful by building a bond and thinking as a cohesive unit.

Six awards were given. Thomas Edison Schools received three of them. They had to come up with a real life solution to a problem between people and animals. Ralph's team developed an ultrasonic device as a solution to wolves killing farm animals.

He is hoping they can go to nationals. He plans to have an after school club to meet three days per week focusing on engineering, robotics and programming. In addition, he wants to offer a two-week summer program.

To pay for the robotics kits, he has been working with Donors Choose. Parents have raised about \$2,000 for the equipment.

Achievement Report (DIBELS) – Denaë, etc.

Angela Barton – MOY DIBELS results - Her report shows the percentages of proficiency for last year and this year. The numbers are well above the benchmark. She compared results from 15-16 to 16-17. The tests are different, depending on the time of year they are given. The number for the benchmark goes up each time. Everything looked good. There was nothing of concern.

Adam asked the greatest benefit of DIBELS testing.

Angela explained that most of the time the students placed where she thought they would. One student, who she thought would be proficient, was not. It allowed interventions to start early. Other than that, it did not really prompt any changes.

Carolyn likes that progress monitoring used to weekly assess the students in the yellow category. It prompted the addition of “The Six Minute Solution” to the curriculum. It helps the school make sure that teachers have all of the tools they need.

Financial Report/Forecast – Jim Peterson:

The budget at both schools is looking very good.

Forecast tool – Jim explained the forecast tool and the seven-year projection, with all of the pieces and variables that can be set. One thing that has changed is the funding formula going from October 1 funding to prior year ADM plus growth.

Snow Day Dates – Shem/Melani:

Motion to approve the snow day make up days after Memorial Day: Adam Burris

Second: Denaë Pruden

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

Vendor Approvals – Scott/Melani/Shem:

None

Principal reports – Scott/Melani/Brad:

Melani Kirk:

- After the lottery, enrollment numbers were strong in all grades except kindergarten. We could try to find the cause, but would have only anecdotal information and it would not help increase enrollment.
- Since the lottery, 11 more students have enrolled and there are still six months until next school year.
- Edison Schools are advertising in the Valpak, theaters, Facebook, Twitter and in newsletters in the surrounding cities. Articles have been, and will continue to be in the eupdate and during the summer the school will participate in town celebrations and parades. The Cache County Fair did not yield a good return for the time invested.
- Roofing project – There is a deadline through the state so Brad asked them to start working on the repairs. They sent ten people to shovel the roof. It was discovered that they were charging \$45.00 per hour for each of the people. They were asked to not send the shovelers again and will wait for a break in the weather or spring break.

- Melani gave the contract to the people with the property to the north yesterday. Adam is waiting for bids from surveyors.

Shem:

- Enrollment numbers look strong for next year.
- Maker Spaces is a new program in the library this year. Students are exploring novel ways to solve a variety of real world problems. The program includes skill sets students can use to apply what they have learned and experiment with hands-on creation of their ideas. They can test their ideas and refine their plans.

Personnel Requests – Scott/Melani/Shem:

Susan Koch and Mitch Kohler as middle school special education aides at Edison North.

Motion to approve proposed personnel: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

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

Marketing Policy – Chris Johnnie:

The best return from marketing comes from word of mouth. The intern could work on a phrase that catches people's attention.

The proposed policies were sent for all to review. There is not a marketing intern at this time.

Board Visit Day – Adam Burris:

A few members of the board will visit Edison North on February 28th, and Edison South on February 7th.

Legislative Update – Adam Burris:

It was emailed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

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