

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

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

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris
Pledge of Allegiance: Chris Johnnie
Charter Highlight: Emma Bullock

Emma highlighted the portion on parental involvement, which is such an important part of the schools.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Emma Bullock
Second: Adam Burris
Yes: Chris Johnnie, Emma Bullock, Kim Winward, Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Denae Pruden

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes – Adam Burris:

Motion to approve the minutes from February 2017: Audra Parent
Second: Kim Winward
Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Denae Pruden
Abstain: Emma Bullock

Achievement Report – Denae/Emma:

Braden presented a map of the SAGE interim results comparing 2014, 2015 and 2016. Science scores decreased. One thing that might have affected it is the students' attitude toward the interim. Scott stated that the state science standards have shifted. The mapping will be important and so will depth of knowledge.

Audra noted that the scores for SRI increased in most grades and wondered if the increase could be attributed to the implementation of the Six Minute Solution.

SMI is more evened out, some scores increased and some decreased. IXL has been implemented with some groups that have a need for more practice. Students seem to take it seriously and are doing well.

Melani mentioned that the curriculum mapping and the addition of IXL will help with math. Rory pointed out that at times the IXL problems are worded differently than in Saxon.

Marketing Policy – Kim/Chris:

Motion to approve the marketing policy as constituted: Adam Burris
Second: Denae Pruden
Yes: Chris Johnnie, Emma Bullock, Kim Winward, Audra Parent, Adam Burris, Denae Pruden

Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions Policy – Shem/Kim/Chris:

Shem received a notice from the Disabilities Law Center. They reviewed policies at schools and noticed that Edison Schools did not have a new policy in place. The policy was previously named “Prohibition of Corporal Punishment”. Most of the bullet points come from the state.

Adam observed that it seems very restrictive and wondered how someone would comply in an emergency. Melani replied that special education teachers and administrators are trained.

Motion to approve the updated policy: Adam Burriss

Second: Kim Winward

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

Director of Instruction Approvals – Shem/Brad:

Scott – Angela Barton was moved to third grade last year in preparation for her to become a Director of Instruction. She will be a .6 FTE Director of Instruction and a .2 FTE data specialist for both schools. This will allow one of the current D of I to change to part time.

Motion to approve Angela Barton as a director of instruction: Adam Burriss

Second: Audra Parent

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

Principal Contract Renewals – Adam Burriss:

Motion to approve principal contracts for 17-18: Adam Burriss

Second: Audra Parent

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

Land Trust Approvals – Shem/Brad:

Brad – The committee approved up to \$30,000 for MILA. After talking with teachers, it was decided to push forward with mobile labs in the classrooms, including carts, mice and headphones. There is a little over \$40,000 for technology.

Shem – Edison North has four goals:

\$15,000 on Spalding, \$21,000 to increase the amount of Chromebook labs, purchasing three more (almost one to one), \$5,000 more science materials and \$7,000 + for IXL licenses and vocab.com.

Motion to approve the LAND Trust for both schools: Denae Pruden

Second: Kim Winward

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

Finance Report – Jim Peterson:

Edison South is on average, \$12,000 per month below their projection

North is about \$4,000 per month below projection.

Both schools are looking good financially.

Vendor Approvals – Shem/Brad:

Shem – Two bids were received for lawn care and snow removal. Shem would like to go with JV Lawncare, whose bid was a little higher, but more services are provided and they are better at responding to communications.

Tresit Group is providing a first responders program. They discounted the program 10%. It will cost \$900 per year for two campuses.

Alert Solutions will replace Telecurve as a provider of mass communication. The fee is about twice as much per month, but this program has many more features.

Motion to approve the vendors, Tresit Group, Alert Solutions and JV Lawn Care: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

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

Personnel Requests – Shem/Melani:

Shem – Braden Probst is going to graduate school and will be replaced by Brielle el-Bakri, a former student.

Motion to approve the personnel request: Adam Burris

Second: Kim Winward

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

Legislative Update – Jim Peterson:

Jim highlighted a few bills:

- SB1 - base budget bill – takes last year's numbers and approves for this year, then they amend it later. Also approved numbers for LRF. It is increasing, roughly, a \$100 per student.
- A newly numbered bill will amend base budget. The education appropriations committee approved a 3% increase, but it is contingent on the latest fiscal outlook.
- SB220 – largely developed in education interim committee to amend the formula related to school grading and some other things.
- HB 241 – some similarities to 220, but some differences. It would eliminate the grading system and be replaced by a rating system.
- One of the bills (220m 241) enables the state board to select which statewide assessment they want to use. If both bills pass, interesting to see what happens in the next few years.
- HB 226 - Royce assured Jim that this has no chance of passing. It would require USBE to create a website disclosing all types of info about charters only.
- SB223 would give more power and authority to state charter board and less to state board.

Board Visit Recap – Emma/Chris:

Individual board members visited a variety of classes at both schools. All were impressed with the positivity in the classrooms and how well the teachers held the students' attention.

April Board Meeting – Adam Burris:

April 5th falls during spring break. The April meeting will be moved to March 29th.

Principal Reports – Shem/Melani:

Melani:

- The contract has been signed for the property north of the school.
- The owner of the east property came in and discussed which part of the land he would be willing to sell. Adam will talk to the finance committee to decide on the price to offer.
- The schools each had large dress code posters made to hang up around the schools. They feature student council officers.

Shem:

- The school is full for next year with 54 on the wait list (10%).
- Brad and Shem spent a day lobbying for charter schools at the Capitol building. This is the first year this was attempted with charters. Governing board members are also welcome to go.
- Andrew Pan won geography bee.

Ad Hoc Committee for Salaries – Adam:

Adam would like to form a committee to look at increasing teacher salaries.

Kory Jenkins, former board member, who works in HR is willing to serve on the committee. Adam would also like to have Jim, the executive committee, some administrators, teachers and maybe parents to review salaries and benefits. He would like to see an increase, whether from bonuses or increased annual salary. The executive committee will chose the chair for the committee.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris

Second: Dena Pruden