

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools  
Governing Board Meeting  
March 29, 2017**

**5:32**

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

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*Welcome/Conducting – Adam Burris*

*Pledge of Allegiance – Denae Pruden*

*Charter Highlight – Kim Winward: Kim covered evaluations and “at will” employment. .  
Emma came in during this.*

*Adoption of Agenda*

**Motion to approve the agenda: Denae Pruden**

**Second: Kim Winward**

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

*Public Comment:*

Carolyn Larsen – at both schools Jamie and Carolyn write a newsletter to staff which has a section called the extra mile. Parents, staff and students can write notes praising and thanking others. At Edison South, and similarly at Edison North there were cards thanking the board for the generous surprise on Valentine’s Day. They also thanked the office for the treats provided periodically. The gestures help them know their hard work is recognized and matters.

*Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris:*

**Motion to approve the minutes from March 1, 2017: Denae Pruden**

**Second: Chris Johnnie**

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

**Abstain: Adam Burris**

*Achievement Report – Denae/Emma:*

The next meeting is in April and will be comparing test scores between new and returning students.

*Finance Report – Jim Peterson:*

Jim discussed the active loans for both schools.

*Vendor Approvals – Shem/Melani: None*

*Curriculum Time Chart Approval – Carolyn Larsen:*

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades have 15 minutes for computer time. The directors of instruction propose increasing that time to 25 minutes. Logging younger students on and off the computer is time consuming. The

time will come from the reading block, which still has a good amount of minutes. Students read on the computers.

Adam advised that since the curriculum time chart is procedural it might be better to move it to administrative control instead of a policy the board needs to approve.

**Motion to approve proposed curriculum time chart: Adam Burris**

**Second: Emma Bullock**

**Yes: Chris Johnnie, Kim Winward, Adam Burris, Dena Pruden, Emma Bullock**

*Personnel Requests – Shem/Melani: None*

*Legislative Update – Jim Peterson:*

Jim reviewed some of the bills that are of interest to charter schools.

<b>HB2 add on to SB1</b>	<b>Appropriations bill for the baseline budget. It starts with last year's budget.</b>
<b>HB2 is the final appropriations budget</b>	Establishes WPU. At a 3.99% increase it is larger than most people expected.
<b>HB226</b>	Bill which would have required USBE to create and maintain a website on charter schools, but not any other public schools.
<b>HB241- in concert with SB220</b>	The bills are similar in modifying state assessment and accountability laws. HB241 removed school grading. A large majority of the education establishment favored that. SB220 still goes back to test scores. They changed the growth formula so only the lowest 25% of students would have growth factor counted into the grade.
<b>HB409</b>	This bill, which would have changed how charter caps are determined, was only for charters with satellite campuses. It would have the caps based on all schools together instead of each separately. This did not pass in senate because they ran out of time. UAPCS thinks it will be passed next year.
<b>HB449</b>	Never made it out of the gate. This would have charged for Aspire.
<b>SB223</b>	Senator Henderson brought this forward. Utah charter advocates wanted the bill supported. It would have shifted some of the authority from the state board to the state charter school board. The charter board hears issues, then they take them to the state board.

*Principal Reports – Shem/Melani:*

*Melanin Kirk:*

- Administration has been working with the owner to purchase the second property. There is some question on easements and buried pipelines. They will have the surveyor come out to meet with the owner.
- Repairs to the roof are about completed and the windows should be finished by the end of May.

*Shem Smith:*

- The teacher fair was on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shem and Melani interviewed while the rest of the administration went out and recruited candidates to come to the booth. The candidates were great and 7 of the 9 positions were filled.
- There was a 95% satisfaction rate from the surveys taken during parent teacher conference. At accreditation training Shem and Brad learned that when the schools do accreditation, part of the online resource are surveys, which can be utilized next year. If there was a problem, it was dress code.
- For the first time significant changes will be made to the master schedule at Edison North. Since middle school and elementary share specials teachers, changes to the schedule are not trivial. Edison North has always had core classes in the morning and electives in the afternoon. This means that the elementary students have specials in the morning, as well as middle school students at Edison South, since some specials teachers are shared.

*Ad Hoc Committee Updates – Adam:*

Audra is chairing the teacher salaries committee. They will meet in April and present to the board in the June board meeting.

After this ad hoc committee is done, Adam would like to set up another committee to review the charter. This should include a couple of board members, Jim Peterson, some administration and others.

*Committee Updates – Adam/Chris/Denae:*

Policy and Procedures Committee – The committee is recruiting board members.

The Finance Committee is working on land purchases.

*Adjourn*

**Motion to Adjourn: Adam Burris**

**Second: Chris Johnnie**