

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
June 14, 2017**

5:35

In attendance: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock

Excused: Emily Buckley

Late:

Electronic: Chris Johnnie

Welcome/Conducting: Adam Burris

Pledge: Denae Pruden

Charter Highlight: Audra Parent – Highlighted the makeup and responsibilities of board members.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Public Comment: Denae Pruden mentioned the UAPCS conference that she and Audra attended, along with administration and others. She is grateful that the administration welcomes the board members.

Approval of Minutes – Adam Burris: tabled

Achievement Report – Denae Pruden:

In SAGE the biggest concern was language arts. The scores were below Utah averages in grades 3-6. The schools were above in most other categories with the exception of 8th grade math and secondary math 1. Scores have dropped in 14 of 22 cases from last year. Audra pointed out that if you look at the cohort, scores are increasing.

Adam mentioned that 3-6th grades were below the average in ELA, but 7-9th grades were above the Utah average. Melani explained that the lower grades are the grades where Spalding is taught. The language the state uses is different. The language is being researched and will be incorporated into the curriculum.

Jim pointed out that internal testing may show that there is growth, which adds weight to what Melani said.

DIBELS – The beginning of the year test is always lower because of letter recognition. In almost every instance the middle of the year test is better. The benchmark moves, so students are not keeping up quite enough. More interventions are being researched.

Adam asked about the effectiveness of 6 Minute Solution and Headsprout. Jamie said there was not a lot of evidence with Headsprout, since it was used at home. Teachers embraced the 6 Minute Solution

and were working to assure the fidelity of it. Some grades didn't get started until halfway through the year.

Scott noticed that many of the interventions instituted with students were done with aides or pullouts. He was hoping the 6 Minute Solution would help the entire student body. He would like to see the cut point students, or all of the yellow and top of the red, taught by teachers, rather than aides.

Jamie pointed out that the national average for DIBELs is 60% and the state is in the low 70%.

Board and Staff Recognitions – Adam Burris: Kyle Hancock is now member of the board, taking over Emma's position. Emily Buckley is coming from the north. Adam Burris arranged for plaques for previous board members Estee Wilson, Sonny Tuft and Nick Jackson. The board also recognized the service and dedication of Scott Jackson. Melani presented him with gifts from the board and administration and Adam presented a plaque and complemented his patience and willingness to explain things and his openness.

Board Position Approvals and Committees – Adam Burris:

Adam Burris - President

Denae Pruden – Vice President

Audra Parent - Treasurer

Emily Buckley - Secretary (serving on policy committee)

Motion to approve positions as discussed: Adam Burris

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Committees:

Policy and Personnel

Emily Buckley

Adam Burris

Finance and Facilities

Chris Johnnie

Audra Parent

Achievement

Kyle Hancock

Denae Pruden

Each committee will need to select a chair when they meet.

Finance Report and Approvals of FY17 and FY18 – Jim Peterson:

Jim recommended that the board approve the 2016/2017 budget as final budget of current fiscal year. There will probably be changes, but the state requires the board approve it in June.

Motion to approve agenda for FY17: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Edison North had some anticipated constructions expenses, which should bring average up.

FY18 budget proposed preliminary - Jim anticipated that health insurance premiums would increase about 20%, but won't know for certain until July. Other clients have had a 20% to 30% increase. If it goes higher than the projection it will come from cash surplus.

Enrollment makes a big difference. It is based on prior year ADM (average daily membership) plus growth, not just the October 1 count. Edison South is showing a significant drop in enrollment for the coming year. The count was 824 last year, but is much lower now. The new charter school in Providence is one of the factors. Prior year ADM and a hold harmless law kicks in. The financial impact to Edison South will not be seen much at this year. It will affect the following year.

Audra asked about the psychologist salary at both schools. It should be the same at both schools. Jim will correct it.

Motion to approve the FY18 budget with corrections on psychologist and counselor salaries: Audra Parent

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Vendor Approvals – Shem/Melani:

Shem sent out information, but did not receive bids from anyone else.

Motion to approve Raymond Construction for construction at Edison North: Adam Burris

Second: Denae Pruden

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Library Report – Noelle Harrild:

Noelle reviewed the statistics for the library and described the activities for Harry Potter week. Parents were so excited and two of them called the Herald Journal. K-4 got passports and they were stamped every day if they did an activity in library. Middle School was excited about the house challenges and became very competitive. 89% of middle schoolers participated in it.

10,000 book challenges. The opportunity was taken to the community to meet Mr. Jackson's goal of having over 10,000 books in the library. The goal was met and every book has a nameplate inside saying who donated it in honor of Scott Jackson.

The library review committee is made up of 25 parents. 73% of books have been read by parents.

The library team advisory group is made up of middle school students who apply for it. Three are chosen from each grade. They do challenges and book trailers and maker and breakers spaces. Student came every day to the same table, but learned more about the subject each day. Older students helped a grade younger.

Breakout boxes. There are five that teachers can check out. They can be done for any subject and work as an ending activity or as a formative assessment.

Personnel Requests – Shem/Melani:

- Melani Kirk - Donna Allen as a 4th grade aide. It was mentioned last time that Charlotte Gardner might move to middle school. She did move. Brooke Mullen, a new teacher, will be in 5th grade. Liz Evans and Savannah Winn are .6 FTE each in middle school math.
- Shem Smith – Shem pointed out his list from his report.

Motion to approve personnel requests as discussed with changes: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Principal Reports – Shem/Melani:

The board has written copies of the reports.

Data Security Policy Approval – Carol Bekker:

Motion to approve with theS addition of also notifying the principal: Audra Parent

Second: Kyle Hancock

Yes: Audra Parent, Denae Pruden, Adam Burris, Kyle Hancock, Chris Johnnie

Naloxone Policy Approval – Carol Bekker: tabled

Closed Session: Pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205-1(d):

Motion to move to closed session: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes:

Adam Burris

Denae Pruden

Kyle Hancock

Audra Parent

Chris Johnnie

Reconvene Open Meeting:

Motion to reconvene open meeting: Adam Burris

Second: Audra Parent

Yes:

Adam Burris
Denae Pruden
Kyle Hancock
Audra Parent
Chris Johnnie

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Adam Burris

Second: Denae Pruden