



## **TA Board of Directors Meeting 01/14/2025**

### **Call to Order**

- Dave Wyatt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

### **Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

- Shannon Britt called the roll.
- Present were: Dave Wyatt, Julie Wolfe, Pat Medlin, Mike Reed, Terri Duncan, and Racheal Winger
- Absent were: Woody Weddington, Christy Hopkins
- Staff present were: Cathy Gantz, Thomas Academy Principal, Marc Murphy, BGH CEO, Janice Toporek, BGH CFO, and Shannon Britt, Thomas Academy Office and Data Manager
- Parent(s) present were: None.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Dave Wyatt led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Reading of the Vision**

- Dave Wyatt read the TA Vision and Mission Statement.

### **Consider and Approve Current Agenda**

- Pat Medlin moved to approve the agenda. Racheal Winger seconded and the motion passed.

### **Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month.**

- Pat Medlin moved to approve the minutes from December 10th 2024. Mike Reed seconded and the motion passed

### **Public Comments**

- No public comments.

## **Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz**

### **◆ Student Enrollment:**

- Target Enrollment: eighty-five
- Current Student Enrollment: sixty-one
- Community Students: forty
- Residential Students: twenty-one

<b>Students enrolled by grade level</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>6th</b>	3	1
<b>7th</b>	3	5
<b>8th</b>	3	8
<b>9th</b>	4	12
<b>10th</b>	5	5
<b>11th</b>	3	4
<b>12th</b>	3	6

### **Potential Graduates for June 2025-9-12th graders**

**Thomas Academy Graduates for June 2024-14-12th graders, 60.9% graduation rate compared to 85% for 2022-2023**

### **◆ Student Activities:**

- For second semester beginning January 17th, 2025, TA's 11th and 12th grade students will participate in SCC's Soil Science and Transportation Technology classes.
- Girls and Boys Basketball games continue this month. Girls and boys scores thus far: Girls 3/2 and Boys 2/4. Please see the updated basketball schedule as an attachment.
- MS and HS students have completed two NC Check-ins this year. These benchmark assessments measure student achievement along the way and are used for small group instruction to close achievement gaps in preparation for scoring at a proficiency level on EOC and EOG assessments.
- Fire Drill, January 14th.
- Lockdown Drill TBD.
- The Teaching Family Model individual student's points equate to the following: a visit to the school store, weekly and monthly incentives

### **◆ Professional Development:**

- Raleigh Triangle International will continue to partner with Thomas Academy through June 2025 as we transition to blended classes adding grades 3-5. A book study continues: Teaching with Poverty and Equity in Mind, Eric Jenson

- Active Shooter, Relias Training for TA Faculty and Staff.
- School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1:30-3:00 pm.

◆ **Academic Report:**

- There are no student attendance concerns currently. Columbus County Truancy Court took place on January 10th for students and parents. The next truancy court will be on February 14th. We continue to closely monitor student tardies and absences.
- Faculty and Staff attendance has improved.
- The first and second NC Check-in Benchmark Assessments for Middle School and High School are complete.
- The Teaching Family Model continues to be implemented by the faculty and staff of TA.

◆ **Student/School Success:**

- New scoreboards for the gym have been delivered and will be installed on January 22nd.
- Thomas Academy has a new Art/Music Teacher, Kathryn Caine Ogden Humphreys.
- We are in the process of interviewing for an Assistant Principal for TA. This will be a Federally funded grant position PRC-050.
- We are in the process of interviewing for a Behavior Intervention Specialist and a ROTC Instructor.

◆ **Upcoming:**

- TA's three-year Charter Renewal ends June of 2026. A site visit will take place on April 16th, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. The site visit will include the following: 1- A parent group of four; A teacher group of four; TA's Board of Directors; and the Administrative team including the school leader.
- Meeting with the Office of Finance/Office of Technology (PD on ADP), Wednesday, January 15th from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm.
- A school improvement meeting is planned for Wednesday, January 22nd, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.
- Thomas Academy has three position openings: Assistant Principal, Behavior Specialist, and ROTC Instructor.
- Our book study continues and concludes on February 5th, 2025.
- Middle School students will travel to NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher in February 2025.

- A Title IV grant, PRC-PRC-108 will fund a day of the Pink Slips (Shag dancing) and a pottery art experience for our boys and girls.
- Bi-weekly MTSS meetings.
- Parent Night to showcase scholarship offerings: date TBD.
- Active Shooter PD via Relias for the faculty and staff: date TBD.
- Lockdown Drill: date TBD.

◆ **Action Items:**

- None at this time.

◆ **Attachments/Requests:**

- 1. TA updated Basketball Schedule

◆ **Financials**

- Janice Toporek reviewed the Financial Report that had been provided to the members and a copy of the financial report will be attached.

◆ **Public Adjournment**

- Pat Medlin moved to adjourn the public meeting. Mike Reed seconded and the motion passed at 4:52 PM.

◆ **Closed Adjournment**

- Julie Wolfe moved to adjourn the closed meeting. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed at 5:08 PM.

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Thomas Academy Board Director Signature

Date