

Thomas Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2022

3:00 pm

Via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Robinson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Grace Cobb called the roll. A quorum was not present. Members attending via zoom were Owen Robinson, David Wyatt, and Christy Hopkins. Staff members present were Ray Cockrell, Daniel Nolan, Dr. Cathy Gantz, and Grace Cobb.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement

Members read aloud the TA Mission and Vision Statement.

Consider and Approve Current Agenda

David Wyatt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second Christy Hopkins. Motion carried.

Consider and Approve Minutes from Last Month

David Wyatt made a motion to approve the September 13th minutes as presented. Second Christy Hopkins. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Chairman Robinson opened the floor to the public for comments and feedback. There were none.

Director of Education/Principal Report – Cathy Gantz

- Student enrollment increased from 72 to 73. There are 54 Community students and 19 Residential students .
- Basketball practice has commenced, and JJ's Flooring redid the floor in the gym.
- Sunset slush is coming to TA on October 14th for the students who achieved a 15 with PBIS.
- The idea of Eagle bucks was introduced for students with good behavior. This new behavior incentive is in the process of implementation.
- The Christmas Card competition was announced and has commenced with a monetary prize for first, second, and third place.
- Professional Development was provided by RTI on October 12th.
- SEM training (Crisis Management) is taking place on October 28th for all staff.
- Middle School Students were tested using Star Renaissance for Reading and Math.
- Star Renaissance Assessments for High School students began on October 10th.
- A math tutoring program will begin after school by the week of October 23rd, and a grant has been received to fund it.

- TA is approaching charter school renewal. In October, if any do not qualify for a ten-year renewal, schools will receive invitations to interview with the Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) for a five or seven-year renewal.
- Success stories: PBIS program is showing positive results. Students can receive dress down privileges on Fridays. They receive these privileges if they have earned 10 to 15 points for the week by: following school rules, participating in class, and completing daily homework assignments.
- Parent conferences were held on October 3rd and were either in person or over the phone. All teachers were involved.
- Jerry Mustaff came for the Take Charge Program that was held over the summer for the residential and community students. Forty students were in attendance overall.
- TA School Improvement Team (SIT) took place Oct. 10th, which included two community parents.
- Fall Parent Night will be held October 13th, 6-7:30.
- Monthly Fire Drills are held.
- RTI visited on October 12th to provide professional development to middle school and high school teachers.
- There will be an Innovative Partnership Grant visit on Oct 27th.

Dr. Gantz opened the floor for questions. There were none.

Recommendations/ Action Items

No recommendations were brought to the board.

Financial Report – Daniel Nolan, CFO

Mr. Nolan referred to the BGHNC Income Statement for Thomas Academy and reviewed revenue and expenses for the month of September.

Mr. Nolan referred to the Acadia NorthStar Budget Report noting the year-to-date net surplus was \$28,184.15.

Mr. Nolan reviewed the charts and pointed out that TA was conservatively spending.

Mr. Nolan reviewed the expenses by budget category.

Mr. Nolan reviewed the Utilities Breakdown.

Mr. Nolan made a note to review that the water and sewer numbers had been miscoded with Acadia.

Mr. Nolan reviewed the Supplies Breakdown and noted the difference between the budget and actual spending.

Public Adjournment

David Wyatt made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Christy Hopkins second. Motion carried.

David Wyatt requested a list of the current teachers.

Chairman Robinson talked of a complaint that had been filed but had been discussed and resolved with Mr. Cockrell and Mr. Cobb.

Board Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Christy Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second Dave Waytt. The meeting adjourned at 3:44pm.