



TA Board of Directors Meeting 10/10/2023

Call to Order

- Dave Wyatt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

- Patsy Worrell called the roll.
- Dave Wyatt, Julie Wolfe, Christy Hopkins and Woody Weddington were present for a quorum. Patricia Medlin and Owen Robinson were absent. Staff that was present were Dr. Cathy Gantz, TA Principal, Daniel Nolan, CFO, and Patsy Worrell, TA Substitute

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

- There was a motion to approve the current agenda and it was seconded and passed.

Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month

- There was a motion to approve the minutes for May. Julia Wolfe provided a second to the motion and it was passed.
- There was a motion to approve the minutes for October and it was seconded and passed.

Public Comments

- No public comments were brought forth.

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

- Student Enrollment:

- 73 with 54 community students and, 19 residential students

- Student Activities:

- Whiteville Rotary sponsored TA Interact Club
- Columbus County Teen Court
- Broadcasting/Drama
- Positive Behavior Intervention System Incentives (PBIS) coupled with Teaching Family Model
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Club (STEM) for Middle School/High School began September 18th and runs through the end of school.
- Junior and Senior field trip to Black's Tire and Senior Day at Southeastern Community College.
- For first semester six TA students are earning 6 semester hours developing career skills and participating in the course, Introduction to Wiring.
- Joe Coffey/Rotary is sponsoring TA's students and providing workbooks entitled: Inner Journey Journal Mindset. The journal contains forty-two social emotional lessons.
- During the month of October, students will wear red bands that state: "Standing Together Against Drugs and Bullying."
- Halloween Trick or Treat for our campus students will be held on Tuesday, October 31st, 3:30-4:45 pm. Pizza and snacks will be served at the PAVILION at 5:00 pm.
- Several art students participated in the BGHNC Christmas Card Contest.

- Staff Development:

- The principal and academic coach will attend 2023 Fall Innovative Partnership Grant (IPG) Regional Meeting Southeast Region Conference on Monday, October 16th, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Wilmington.
- A visit from DPI will take place on Wednesday, October 18th, 9-10 am.
- The principal will attend The Teaching Family Model Conference in October.
- RTI will visit classrooms in the am and provide professional development in the pm on the topic: "Teach Like a Champion" on Monday, October 30th.

- Academic report:

- TA students will receive their first report card of the year during the week of October 8 th .
- Pre-ACT will be administered for all 10 th graders on Tuesday, October 10th.

- NC Check-ins for Middle School Reading, Math, and Science and High School Biology, Math, and ELA will take place in November.

- Student/School Success:

- One of TA's 2023 graduates and Valedictorian of her class is a Chemistry Lab Technician at Southeastern Community College. She is on track to become a Pharmacist.
- Hallsboro Church of God provided Lunch for TA's teachers on Monday, September 28th prior to a PD session.
- Thomas Academy continues to implement a rigorous academic program balanced with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) weekly lessons. Students with challenging behaviors are given a second chance.
- TA's Innovative Partnership Grant September 2023 Report shows that TA's goals are in Progress or Not Started. This is because it is a new year and the third and last year of the IPG Grant.
- Our partnership with Raleigh Triangle International (Innovative Partnership Grant) continues for a third year with a continued focus on academics and social emotional learning for our boys and girls. Thomas Academy continues to transform into a learning community.
- A remote plan was submitted to DPI. This plan is in place if we have to close school due to inclement weather or a health concern. Classes can be either virtual or work packets provided to students.

- Upcoming

- We welcome Thomas Academy Board of Directors to attend TA's School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings. SIT meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 pm, room 1, high school.
- TA holds monthly Fire Drills and Severe Weather Drills.
- DPI Visit, Wednesday, October 18th
- RTI Visit, Monday, October 30th
- TA will participate in Halloween Trick or Treat for our campus students on Tuesday, October 31st.
- TSQR Visit, November 2nd .
- TA plans to start a Key Club. Mr. Jonathan will coordinate with Mr. Larry Hewett.
- To develop a partnership with Capp's Construction Company.
- For the second semester, students will have an opportunity to choose the following course offerings via Southeastern Community College: Introduction to

Carpentry; Green Building and Design Concepts; and Diagrams and Schematics (Engineering Track.)

- Action Items

1. Thomas Academy College and Career Promise Eligibility and Drop Policy (Requested Change of Costs for CCP) Please see attachment.
2. IPG Monthly Report Please see attachment.
3. TA TSQR Schedule.
4. Thompson and Price, TA's Auditors are requesting from the TA Board of Directors, 2 proofs of residency in NC, copy of license, energy bill, etc. Please email those to Sharon Connor. Thank you.

- There was a motion to approve action item 1 and it was seconded.

Daniel Nolan - Chief Financial Officer

- Daniel Nolan reviewed the Financial Report that had been provided to the members

Public Adjournment

- There was a motion to adjourn the public meeting and it was seconded.