

Thomas Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2023
3:00PM
Via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairwomen Julia Wofle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Julia called the roll and a quorum was not present. Board members attending via Zoom were Julie Wolfe and Christy Hopkins. Staff attending was Dr. Cathy Gantz, Daniel Nolan, and Grace Cobb. Melissa Hopkins was present as a parent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Julie Wolf opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement

Julie Wolfe read aloud the TA mission and vision statement.

Consider and Approve Current Agenda

The agenda could not be approved as a quorum was not present.

Consider and Approve Minutes from Last Month

The Minutes could not be approved as a quorum was not present.

Public Comments

No public comments were brought forward.

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

-Student enrollment:

- Total: 80 students
- Community: 59 students
- Residential: 21 students

-Student activities

- Beginning February 28th, a STEM club will commence with transportation provided, which will be headed by the math teacher (Mr. Sean Swoboda)

and Science teacher (Mr. Wayne Helms). This program will run through May 25th, and there are 20 slots available for the club.

-Staff Development

- Dr. Gantz is continually attending sessions with the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh. These sessions deal with various educational topics, such as Equity and Inclusion and Effective School Leadership as well as Emotional Poverty in all Demographics.
- The administration and one teacher participated in Teach Like a Champion: Engaging Academics. These sessions took place on January 24-25, 2023, 9-4pm., McKimmon Center on the NC State Campus. She shared what she learned at the School Improvement Team Meeting on Monday, February 13th, 2023.

-Academic Report

- The Charter was renewed for three years, and our new charter will begin in July.
- EOC testing took place mid January with the following results:
 - English/Language Arts II had 100% of students score proficient.
 - Math 3 had 55% of students score proficient.
 - Biology had 22% of students score proficient.

-Success Stories

- TA is continuing the Social Emotional Learning weekly lessons. Homeroom classes have watched “On the Road” by Steve Hartman. One class was so touched by the video that they made a card with inspirational messages for a middle school student they were concerned about.
- NC Check-ins are aligned with individual students’ report grades and represent honest grading.
- TA’s Innovative partnership Grant reflects that TA’s goals are mostly complete or in progress.
- 20% of TA’s parents attended the Fall Parent Night Basketball Game on October 13th.

-Upcoming Events

- On February 16th, 2023, there will be a Parent/Student Movie Night (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever).
- Parent conferences will be held on February 24th with options for either face-to-face meetings to discuss student’s progress. Report cards were disseminated on January 30th.
- Basketball Camp will take place for the second year from July 10th-14th

- SIT (School Improvement Team) Meetings have been taking place every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.
- TA will have a visit from Cross-Program Consolidated Monitoring to measure charter/lab school's compliance.
- Targeted School Quality Review will visit all-day on March 30th.
- Renaissance Freckles reading math, and science will continue to be used daily to review target areas.
- Backpack for buddies is continually distributed weekly.
- TA will continue holding monthly fire drills.

Recommendation/Action Items

No Action items could be voted on as a quorum was not present.

Financial Report- Daniel Nolan, CFO

-Mr. Nolan reviewed the Financial Reports from Acadia NorthStar with a detailed presentation which was shared with the board.

Public Adjournment

Julie Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting.

Executive Session

Nothing was brought forward during the executive session.

Board Adjournment

The board could not officially adjourn as a quorum was not present.