



## **TA Board of Directors Meeting 12/12/2023**

### **Call to Order**

- Owen Robinson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

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

- Shannon Britt called the roll.
- Present were Patricia Medlin, Owen Robinson, David Wyatt, Julia Wolfe.
- Absent were Woody Weddington, Christy Hopkins.
- Staff present were Marc Murphy, CEO, Cathy Gantz, TA Principal, Daniel Nolan, CFO, and Shannon Britt, TA Administrative Assistant.
- Parent(s) present were Melissa Hopkins.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Owen Robinson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Reading of the Vision**

- Owen Robinson read the TA Vision and Mission Statement.

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

- Patricia Medlin moved to approve the agenda. David Wyatt seconded and the motion passed.

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

- Julie Wolfe moved to approve November minutes. Patricia Medlin seconded and the motion passed.

### **Public Comments**

- No public comments.

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

- Student Enrollment:

Student Enrollment: 77

Community Students: 57

Residential Students: 20

Students enrolled by grade level:

	Residential	Community
6 th	3	6
7 th	2	6
8 th	4	10
9 th	3	9
10 th	2	3
11 th	4	8
12 th	2	15

Potential Graduates for June 2024: 20 - 12th graders

- Student Activities:

- Positive Behavior Intervention System Incentives (PBIS) coupled with Teaching Family Model
- Homework Club after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students with averages in a subject area below 70%.
- TA's students and staff participated in the Lake Waccamaw Christmas Parade on December 2nd .
- Middle and High School field trip on Tuesday, December 12th to the Aquarium Fort Fisher Festival of Trees, Kure Beach. This was a Teaching Family Model Incentive.
- For the first semester six TA students are earning 6 semester hours developing career skills and participating in the course, Introduction to Wiring.
- Girls' and Boys' basketball teams will have two home games on Wednesday, December 13th and Friday, December 15th .
- TA students will have an opportunity to participate in an all-expense paid internship program in filmmaking, Wilmington, NC during 2024.
- TA Students will have an opportunity to participate in the Wilmington Women's Club Art Show in February.

- Professional Development:

- A school improvement team meeting was held on Monday, December 4th. Various topics for discussion were: EOC testing updates, TA's draft school calendar for 2024-2025 and the new Teaching Family Model data gathering instrument.

- Marc Murphy, CEO/President BGHNC provided a professional development session on Monday, December 11th on the topic, “The Common Denominator of the Teaching Family Model.”
- RTI will visit classrooms in the morning of January 5th to observe “cold calls”, a best practice from the book, “Teach Like a Champion.” The after school session will be on the topic, The Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP). SIOP in education is a framework for planning and delivering instruction in content areas such as science, history, and mathematics to English language learners as well as other students.

- Academic report:

- NC End-of-Course testing for High School Biology, Math, and ELA will take place during the week of December 12 th . EOC Make-ups will take place on December 18th and 19th.
- According to the NC Department of Public Instruction per 2022-2023 school report card, Thomas Academy is a Progressing School.
- TA is transforming into a learning community through intentional innovations and interventions.
- Potential TA Graduates for Spring 2024 are 20 twelfth graders.

- Student/School Success:

- College and University acceptances for fall 2024 include the following: East Carolina University, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Wingate University, and Converse College.
- Potentially two seniors could complete their associate degree through the Career and College Promise Program, SECC at the same time as completing their HS Diploma.
- TA students are enjoying the newly renovated library housed with a student selection of books to check-out. The lending library allows students to enjoy reading level/age-appropriate content.
- TA’s School Counselor is providing a Senior Life Skill’s Class that includes college applications, college visits, exploration of career opportunities, completing the FASFA and general support to complete high school for the next step.
- Thomas Academy continues to implement a rigorous academic program balanced with a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) weekly lesson. Students with challenging behaviors are given a second chance.
- TA’s Innovative Partnership Grant, November 2023 Report shows TA’s goals are in Progress or Complete. This is 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 (best practices/strategies), and social emotional learning (SEL) for our boys and girls. Thomas Academy continues to transform into a learning community.

- Jacksonville Rotary Club is purchasing the senior class robes, sashes, and pictures for our graduates. This club is also sponsoring the Rotary Inner Journey Journal Mindset SEL curriculum to be implemented for all students.
- A remote plan was submitted to DPI and is in place if TA must close school due to inclement weather or a health concern. Classes can be either virtual or work packets provided to students.
- Thomas Academy's Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) was submitted on November 30 th . This plan will support students for whom English is not their first language/home language.

#### - 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.
- 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.)
- TA's girls and boys have 24 games scheduled for the season. Student Government Fundraiser: "Tape the Teacher, Mr. Drake Harper" on December 15th. Ticket sales are December 15th -18th and are 1 foot of tape for \$1.00, Buy 5 get 2 free.
- TA's Theatre Class will present on December 13th in Mr. Jody Watts' Class at 11:20 am.
- TA's 2024-2025 school calendar will be presented to TA Board of Directors, for consideration at the January 2024 meeting.

#### -Action Items

- No action items.

#### **Daniel Nolan - Chief Financial Officer**

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

#### **Public Adjournment**

- Patricia Medlin motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Dave Wyatt seconded and the motion passed.