

Terra Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Location

Terra Academy

Terra Academy Board members adhere to the following:

1. *Know the charter and act to strategically uphold the vision and mission in our work.*
2. *Be informed, prepared and proactive through due diligence.*
3. *Represent the Terra Academy as a unified board.*

Mission: *Terra Academy focuses on each student as a “unique” whole person in a global society by providing individualized instruction in a community learning model through educational experiences including a broad range of curricular options and project-based learning opportunities that nourish individual talents, skills, and desires.*

Vision: *The vision of Terra Academy is to help students become lifelong independent learners, productive members of society possessing respect for other people and cultures, who are stewards of our environment.*

School Rules: *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind* Motto: *Learn, Grow, Be*

Board Members Present

Colleen Jones, Jared McKeachie, Lianna Etchberger

Board Members Absent

Melissa Huber, Pam Rosal

Guests Present

Cassie Hays, Joel Wright, Lincoln Fillmore, Liz Howcroft

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lianna Etchberger called a meeting of the board of trustees of Terra Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday Dec 17, 2015 @ 6:13 PM at Terra Academy.

C. Approve Minutes

C. Jones made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-17-15.
Jared McKeachnie seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A.Public Comment Guidelines

There were no comments from the public.

III. Director's Report

A.Director's Report

- Academic Progress
 - Most students' Sage tests have been received from previous school.
Terra will be able to track student progress over time
- Charter Fidelity
 - Still working on getting an amended charter together
- School Culture
 - We reviewed parent survey taken last month of what parents think they liked and didn't like about the school.
 - Challenges mentioned
 - Using positive reinforcement for following dress code
 - Monitoring whether student computer use is on-task
 - Positives mentioned are kids are happy, flexibility, individualized learning etc
- Facility
 - Alternative room needed for other classes (music, alternative students, art, CTE, etc.)
- Other Issues
 - Additional personnel needed to staff disciplinary quiet room

IV. Finance

A.Finance Report

Liz presented the finance report

- Current Financial Statements - Enrollment 648
- Audited Financial Statements
- Revised Budget
- Excess Costs
- Bond reporting requirements
- Lunch Budget

V. Facility

A.Purchasing Options for Facility and Land

Joel Wright presented the benefits of purchasing our building and the land, the lease, and purchase agreement

We discussed having Cassie and Joel get quotes for an appraisal and building inspection

We discussed how a USDA loan works

We discussed hiring Joel for yearly legal advice for the school

VI. Governance

A.02-107 Safe Schools Policy

J. McKeachnie made a motion to We pass motion with edits.
Colleen Jones seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Title was changed to "02-107 Emergency Preparedness and Response"

B.02-113 Safe School Behavior

The board had concerns whether the draft is sufficient for board level policy.
Lincoln will review and present for next board meeting.

C.06-109 Accreditation and Course Credit

J. McKeachnie made a motion to motioned to pass with edits.
Colleen Jones seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D.Charter Modification Proposal

No action required. Board is comfortable with minor edits and metric modifications that Cassie is making.

VII. Closing Items

A.Adjourn Meeting

J. McKeachnie made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Colleen Jones seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Jones