

Terra Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location

Terra Academy, Library

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

Fayme Pettit, Jared McKeachnie, Lianna Etchberger, Melissa Huber, Pam Rosal

Board Members Absent

Guests Present

Cassie Hays, Coleen Jones, Kevrine Wells, Liz Howcroft, Megan McDonald

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 Apr 28, 2016 @ 6:05 PM at Terra Academy, Library.

C.Approve Minutes

J. McKeachnie made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 03-31-16.

Pam Rosal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Good Things at Terra

A. Envirothon Student Competitors

Coleen Jones, Megan McDonald and Terra Academy students attended the Utah Envirothon. Students presented the project they completed at the envirothon to the board. Attendance at the envirothon was sponsored by the Utah Soils Conservation District.

Fayme Pettit arrived late.

III. Reports

A. Finance Report

Aligning compensation with the charter is under discussion as next year's budget is developed.

B. Director's Report

1. Accreditation Update: The Terra Academy was recommended for accreditation today. The review identified the Terra Academy as a strong performer.

2. Enrollment Update: The board reviewed a complete list of all students that withdrew from the Terra Academy this year.

3. Semesters v. Trimesters- The administration continues to explore the option of adapting a block semester schedule next year

4. Academic Progress:

- In the March Terra Academy Governing Board meeting, it was reported that there was concern regarding academic progress in the K-2 grades. It was discovered that this was based on incomplete data and in fact the K-2 grades are progressing well.
- Overall, the school continues to demonstrate substantial growth in formative testing.
- SAGE results will not be complete until June

5. Definitions of committees: The director defined the Round Table and the TAASC Steering Committee.

6. Other IEM progress: All students have IEM's at this point. Cassie reviewed work going on at the school is support of student goal setting

7. Charter Fidelity and School Culture: Enrollment is high. Parent complaints are down. While no drug use has been encountered on campus, talking about drugs between students and likely drug use is present. All reports are addressed immediately.

8. Other Issues: Peer evaluations and final teacher evaluations are getting done.

9. Current student enrollment as of 4/26/16: 624

IV. Governance

A. Followup on School LANDS Trust- Board member training

Melissa Huber was absent from the last meeting. She confirms that she has done the required training. This confirms that all five board members have completed the School LANDS Trust board training.

B.Terra Academy Governing Board Committee Review

C.Policy Review

D.Terra Academy Governing Board Procedure

Meeting evaluation needs to be proofread closely.
Both forms will be implemented.

V. Finance

A.Revised Budget for 2015-2016 fiscal year

J. McKeachnie made a motion to approve the revised budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

Melissa Huber seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B.Classroom redesign and expansion at south end of building

M. Huber made a motion to Approve the proposal to redesign and expand the south end of the building.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.Ashley Water Shares

The school is exploring the possibilities and costs of using agricultural water for grass, edible school yard, and orchard. Cost, feasibility, and implementation ideas are being gathered.

D.USDA Loan progress

VI. Other Business

A.MOU with Uintah Recreation District

Memo of Understanding with the recreation district would allow the Terra Academy to take students to the Uintah Recreation Community Center for field trips. The MOU would also be the basis for allowing Uintah Recreation sponsored activities to be conducted at the Terra Academy. Research will be done to understand the commitment. Board Chair appointed Fayme Pettit and Jared McKeachnie to form a task force to do the research and report back to the board.

B.Comprehensive Counseling and School Guidance program

P. Rosal made a motion to Comprehensive counseling and school guidance application.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A.Upcoming Events

8:00 AM 5/6/16: Amber Lee Snyder will address the students in an assembly.

B.Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Rosal

M. Huber made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pam Rosal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.