

# Terra Academy Governing Board

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday May 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

Terra Academy, Library

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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*

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#### **Board Members Present**

Fayme Pettit, Lianna Etchberger, Melissa Huber, Pam Rosal

#### **Board Members Absent**

Jared McKeachnie

#### **Guests Present**

Cassie Hays, Debby Lewellyn, Jennifer Moulder, Kevrine Wells, Liz Howcroft

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### **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 May 19, 2016 @ 6:08 PM at Terra Academy, Library.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

Fayme Petit requested the following clarification be added to the April meeting minutes. K-1 pod academic growth is measured primarily by "common assessment", the school continues to look for an improved assessment to track progress that utilizes data.  
P. Rosal made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 04-28-16.  
Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Good Things at Terra**

### **A.Terra Academy Band and Chorus**

Students from the Terra Academy music program came to tell the board about their experience at Music in the Park at Lagoon. This is an annual competition. The band took first place in their category - in region and overall. The choir placed forth place.

## **III. Reports**

### **A.Finance Report**

-Fence project is complete. Project came in \$2,000 under budget. The contract passed the savings on to us.  
Fayme Pettit moved to open the hearing up to public comment. Melissa Huber seconded the motion. Motion passed anonymously.

There were no members of the public present. Public comment period closed.

The budget will be reviewed by the board and discussed/voted on at the June 20, 2016 board retreat.

### **B.Director's Report**

1. Academic Progress: School will be going to semesters on an A/B block schedule. This was voted unanimously by the staff.
2. Charter Fidelity: Administrative staff are identifying items from the charter and methods to show evidence of fidelity for staff and administration.

3. School Culture:

- Next week is year-end reward for being in dress code. Those students who have followed dress code for the last two weeks will be allowed to dress down all week.
- Graduation is Thursday night at 6pm. We have 13-14 graduating seniors, they go on their senior trip Friday May 20.
- Lock in: This will be on the night of graduation at 10pm. Students will be required to remain in the school until 7am the next morning. They have to have a signed parent consent form to attend. We will have lots of fun and activities.
- Art Auction: We made close to \$10,500 at our art auction. There was really great turn out and it was lots of fun. Student involvement was high in the production of art as well as getting service hours helping to auction the art off.
- Band took first place overall and first place in their division at competition. Choir took 4th place overall.
- Dance/Cheer team has been created for Terra Academy. They performed their first routine at the Student Council Election Speech Assembly.

- Kindergarten graduation is next Wednesday.

4. Employment: We have been interviewing for new teachers in the elementary and for a new science position as well as a custodian.

#### **IV. Governance**

##### **A. Governance Committee Update**

- Pam Rosal updated the board on Governance Committee business.
- Lianna Etchberger coached the board on using Google Drive for meeting minutes filing and using the new form for proposing board actions.

##### **B. Open Meeting Training**

Jennifer Moulder provided annual open meeting training to the Board. Jared McKeachie (absent) will review materials and the board will document his completion in the June meeting minutes.

Action Items that came out of this training:

- Add: Consider going into "Closed Executive Session" based on coded 52-4-101 as a standard agenda item
- Make audio files available on the website
- When the board takes a vote, we should be recording individual votes. Up to this point votes have been recorded as unanimous unless there is a divided vote.

#### **V. Closing Items**

##### **A. Upcoming Events**

##### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Rosal