

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools  
Governing Board Meeting  
September 2, 2020  
5:32 pm**

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*In attendance: Kyle Hancock, Heather Knight, Gaylen Worthen, Tami King, Michelle Yost and Carol Hirschi*  
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*Welcome/Conducting: Kyle Hancock*  
*Pledge: Shem Smith*  
*Adoption of Agenda: Yes*

*Public Comment: None*

*Approve Minutes:*

**Motion to approve the August 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 minutes: Kyle Hancock**

**Second: Heather Knight**

**Yes: Gaylen Worthen, Tammy King, Heather Knight, Kyle Hancock,**

**Carol Hirschi abstained**

**Michelle was having technology issues but did get on.**

*Board training - Brian Carpenter Podcast and discussion: Broken Promise*

Board will have to read. There was too much feedback on the live streaming. Please pay attention to the questions that are asked.

*Finance report: Jim Peterson*

There are only 2 data points on the graphs since we are in a new year. Both campuses have started the year well below the projected average expenses. North campus is doing well and South campus is doing okay but we would like to see enrollment go up by October 1 counts.

*DIBELS training: Angela Barton*

Angela demonstrated a new program called NearPod to show us DIBELS/Acadience. It is a very interactive program that our teachers can use for both in person and online learning. We give Acadience to K-3 to help show us where the students reading levels are. Nearpod is provided to us free of charge by the state.

*Teacher licensure review: Jaime Lewis*

The state has changed the way our teachers are licensed. We have 6 teachers between the two campuses that we would like to do get approved for this path. We need to write a new policy to be approved at the next board meeting.

*Board Recruitment: Kyle Hancock*

Kyle, Gayle and Heather are up for release. Heather was elected but the others were appointed. We need to recruit.

Arrange for in person faculty meeting for both campuses.

*Enrollment Status: Shem Smith*

Staying steady now, not a lot of action right after school starts. We may have a couple more.

*Melani Kirk:*

We currently have 641 which is 9 below our budget number. We are still having movement. It is interesting to note that we have 26 students who say they are coming back as soon as the Covid is over. The students who are doing online learning have said that we are doing wonderful, my student is doing great to my student lays in bed and makes faces at the camera and everything in between. Those who have great parental support will do well but those who don't will continue to struggle. We have had zero cases of Covid yet. We have people at all entry points to take temperatures and the students are going right to class instead of loitering. It goes quickly. Students have acclimated to the masks quite easily.

*FERPA, PPRA, Section 504 of the ADA: Kyle Hancock*

This is mostly a review for the board in case something comes up, we need to protect our students' information. We should guard all forms of communications.

*Principal Reports:*

*Melani Kirk:* Back to School Night was very successful. We had different sessions and did social distancing. The stress of starting school is subsiding. Students are doing really well. Teachers are being real troopers to get the online stuff figured out as well as the regular classroom teaching. Getting the technology figured out has really helped.

*Shem Smith:* Did the same thing for Back to School Night as south and the staff loved it. We have had a few technology issues and are working through them.

*Two extra prep days: Jamie Lewis*

The state gave us a waiver for two extra professional teacher/prep days. We are suggesting September 21<sup>st</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gives teachers a chance to get caught up with online. May we need to give more days after the beginning of the year depending on what is going on with Covid.

*Vendor request:*

Melani Kirk: H-Wire was able to put in a new firewall on the same day as it went out. We paid the extra \$100 so we could be back up and running instead of waiting for a cheaper one to ship.

Shem Smith: Continuing with the same vendor as the CO monitoring because our wiring is out of date and is setting the alarms off as well as shutting the HVAC off. We are still within our bid of \$22K. He just wanted to give an update.

**Motion to approve Vendor requests: Kyle Hancock**

**Second: Michelle Yost**

**Yes: Gaylen Worthen, Tammy King, Heather Knight, Kyle Hancock, Carol Hirschi and Michelle Yost**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:44 pm**