

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25th Avenue

Gary, IN

Board Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Call to Order: 4:00pm – Laura Hayes

Board

Members Present: Laura Hayes, President; Susan Gorman, Vice President (Via Telephone); Frank Ippolito, Treasurer; Alexis Mosqueda, Student Representative

Board

Members Absent: Parent Representative (Vacant)

Guests Present: Dr. Sabrena Davis, Superintendent; Donna Henry, Principal; Karen Raymond, SOM; Drew Laskowski, Controller (EdisonLearning); Tarry Martin, Transportation and Enrollment Coordinator; Ben Clement, Board Secretary

Minutes: Minutes from February 18, 2015 Board meeting presented for approval. Sue Gorman motioned to approve minutes. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion passed.

Agenda Approval: Frank Ippolito motioned to approve agenda. Sue Gorman seconded. Motion passed.

Reports & Updates

Principal's Report: Principal Donna Henry presented her report under the auspices of the Five Strand Model employed by EdisonLearning. Under the Leadership Strand she reported on the ASCD Conference. Challenges include constant personnel changes. Under Learning Environment the boy's basketball coach has been meeting with small groups of students. Challenges include maintenance issues leading to poor building conditions. Also, TRCCA is challenged with having to accept transfer students who were asked to leave other schools. Under Pedagogy and Curriculum, Principal Henry reported on the Achieve 3000 "Read to Succeed Contest". A previous challenge has been met with the hiring of a new SPED teacher. Under Student and Family Supports alumni and community relations have vastly improved. Students have attended college tours. Challenges include the need for a new SPED Director and SPED teachers. There is also a need for more space to locate students requiring self-contained classrooms.

Operations Report: Karen Raymond presented the operations report. Student enrollment is 580. Tarry Martin and the enrollment team are tracking the reasons students give for transferring or withdrawing. Teacher attendance rate is 96%. Two new teachers were hired including one English and one Social Studies teacher. There were two resignations including one teacher and a security guard. Challenges include preparing for ramifications of Dunbar-Pulaski annexation plan. Plan could move more middle school students to Roosevelt.

Facilities Report: Karen Raymond presented the facilities report. Some water leak issues persist. Elevator still not functioning.

Technology Report: Karen Raymond reported software updates have been completed. Computer labs prepared to support ECA/ISTEP testing. Alternative education computers have been updated to Windows 7. Challenges include air conditioner failing in server room and Dell computers needing repairs.

Student Liaison

Report: Alexis Mosqueda presented the student liaison report. Video and digital photographs were taken at last JAG event. Ms. Mosqueda shares copies with board members. President Hayes asks if video and photos can be uploaded to TRCCA website. Ms. Mosqueda attended college tour with other TRCCA students. She has been accepted to attend Purdue University. Senior prom will be held in Merrillville. TRCCA students participated in page program at Indiana State House.

Transportation

Report: No report.

Education Report: Dr. Sabrena Davis presented the education report. She noted challenges to improving the A-F accountability grade including inaccuracies in the graduation rate. State audit is due April 24, 2015. Learning coaches and teachers received professional development in design thinking for students and teachers.

Finance Report: Drew Laskowski presented the finance report. He noted spending allocation is close to budgetary projections. Revenues have been received.

Board Report: President Hayes presented the board report. She announced the management contract with the state of Indiana expires June 16, 2015.

Parent/Liaison

Report: No report.

Student Liaison

Report: See above.

Friends of Ted: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Invoices: EdisonLearning invoices for February (\$148,480.96) and March (\$168,651.81) totaling \$317,132.77 presented for approval. Sue Gorman motioned to approve the invoices. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion passed.

Policy Adoptions: Dr. Davis presents school makeup day plan (4 days) for approval. Sue Gorman motioned for approval. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion passed.

Dr. Davis announced Tony Branch has been asked to deliver commencement address. She asks board to consider approving \$500.00 honorarium payment for Coach Branch. Motion tabled until board can consider gifting policy. Frank Ippolito will research gifting policy. Ben Clement will research gifting policy for Friends of Ted.

Athletic Behavior Contract policy tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

Open Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: 6:04pm

Next Meeting: June 1, 2015 (Proxy Call)

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Ben Clement, Secretary

ATTEST:

Laura Hayes, Board President _____

Sue Gorman, Vice Present _____

Frank Ippolito, Treasurer _____

Parent Rep (Vacant) _____

Alexis Mosqueda, Student Rep _____

