

**TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS GOVERNING COUNCIL**

*Where decisions for children are made with heart and mind!*

**Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

**6:00 p.m.**

This meeting will be held on December 11, 2013 at 6pm at TISA, 123 Manzanares St. Taos. Please call 758-7755 for more information.

**GC Members Present: Shelly Ratigan, President, Jennifer Hull, Secretary, Page Sullivan, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson, Ernest Ortega, Chris Pieper**

**GC Members Absent: Chris Pieper**

**AGENDA**

**I. Call to order and establish quorum**

Shelly called a quorum at 6:04p.m.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson, Shelly Ratigan No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**II. Action Item – Approval of Agenda**

Jennifer Hull made a motion to approve the agenda. Ernest Ortega second

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**III. Action Item – Approval of November 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

**Page Sullivan made a motion to approve the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Jennifer Hull second.**

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**IV. Action Item – Approval of Attendance Policy**

Susan Germann stated that she would like to work with the state to initiate a long distance learning program for students out for an excused period of time. Henry Sanchez is a resource officer for the district schools and is now working with TISA. Henry directed Susan to CIS for truant students who could then notify CYFD for multiple tardies or absences. Ernest Ortega stated that if that happens, they will need to go in front of the judge and some parents do get punished. PED regulations state that after 10 consecutive absences the student needs to be withdrawn. After 3 tardies, it will equal one absence. Ernest Ortega and Dwight Thompson work on the proposed attendance policy and write a rough draft in regards to the criminal sanctions that can occur due attendance issues. Action Item IV. will be tabled until further research.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Shelly Ratigan, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**V. Action Item – Human Growth & Development/Sexual Awareness Curriculum**

Two people contacted Susan to propose a lecture/meeting for the students at TISA. Susan believes that this is something that needs to be in place for the La Posta campus, 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Dwight brings up Youth Heart Line along with CAV as a resource for programs like this.

Action Item V. tabled until further information is available.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Shelly Ratigan, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**VI. Financial report - Discussion and approval**

The Governing Council was provided the monthly financial packet that also included the bank statement and reconciliation for their review.

**a. Action item: BARS**

*The following BARS were presented for approval*

*BAR 521-000-1314-0008-IB is to account for the Carryover Funds in 23000-Activity Funds in the amount of \$295.55.*

*BAR 521-000-1314-0009-I is to account for the revenues brought in by fees for 23000-Activity Fund in the amount of \$3,719.95*

Page Sullivan made a motion to approve BAR521-000-1314-0008-IB and BAR 521-000-1314-0009-I. Ernest Ortega second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Shelly Ratigan, Giovanna Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**b. Audit Committee Report – Deanna**

*The audit for FY2013 is complete. The exit conference was held yesterday. We still need additional audit committee members. We need two Governing Council Members and a Community Member. The audit will not be public until 5 days after the State Auditor releases the audit.*

**c. Finance Committee Report –Deanna**

*We also need two Governing Council Members to serve on the finance committee.*

**VII. Committee Reports**

• **Administrator report**

Susan hands out the Programs for International Student Assessment Results form to the board. This will help our students to take a real life situation and have them figure it out. Susan also states that our school will need a stronger math curriculum. Susan observed reading for each teacher this go around for one hour. Susan feels very positive about our current teachers. Susan would like to hire a gifted teacher part-time. Susan is sending around a resume to the board for review. She is a producer at KRZA in Alamosa and has gifted endorsements. She would work for 3 hours a week and work in conjunction with the teachers and special teachers. Susan would like to see every 9 weeks we have different segments with this gifted teacher beginning next year. She has been on two different state committees for gifted and have a lot of resources. Susan states that any students whose parents request the testing will be tested for gifted. Identified gifted students will be grouped for one hour at each campus and she will need to write the own curriculum. Susan is currently doing the testing for gifted with the KBIT. Each student with an IQ of 130 will be in the program. Deanna states that the identified gifted students will be included on the 120day count with STARS. Deanna states we do have the money for this year from January to May. Henry Sanchez, the resource officer for the district did a walkthrough on both campuses. Henry advised Susan that all the doors be locked at each location with only one door open at each for security purposes. Page would like to know what the PTA thinks about this, Susan will discuss this with the PTA.

• Future facility report

**VIII. Discussion Item – TISA Application Form**

Susan passed around an update lottery application form. Only 2 new things have been added, any new kids need to add an area of interest or expertise and make sure all meetings will be attended. Deanna states to contact the Coalition of Charter School to make sure the application is legal since we are a public school.

**IX. Discussion Item – Administrator Evaluation**

**X. Discussion Item – Professional Development**

**The Visual Thinking Strategies book has been ordered for teachers.**

**XI. Public Comments:** If you wish to speak, please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit comments to 2-4 minutes.

**Grisela is a parent of a Kindergartener who has had multiple infections. She believes that the attendance policy is contradictory and believes that we as a school needs to offer a life skills class or some sort of resource to help the parents and the students in cases like this. Linda Seto asks to**

**XII. Next Meeting Agenda Items:**  
**Finance board member**  
**Recommendation from the PTA**

**XIII. Executive Session**

**Ernest Ortega made a motion to go into executive session at 7:14pm. Page Sullivan second.**

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Shelly Ratigan, Giovana Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**Jennifer Hull made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:45pm. Dwight Thompson second.**

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Jennifer Hull, Page Sullivan, Ernest Ortega, Shelly Ratigan, Giovana Paponetti, Dwight Thompson. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 6-0

**XIV. Adjournment**

Shelly Ratigan made a motion to adjourn at 7:47. Ernest Ortega second.

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Approved, Jennifer Hull, Secretary

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Date