

**TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
GOVERNING COUNCIL AGENDA
MONTHLY MEETING
Wednesday, May 09, 2012
6:00-8:00**

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GC Members Present:

GC Members Absent:

Staff Members:

AGENDA

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II. Action Item - Approval of agenda

III. Action Item – Approval of April 11, 2012 minutes

IV. Public Comments - Please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit public comments to 2 to 4 minutes.

V. Action Item – Discussion and approval of future facility options

VI. Action Item – Discussion and approval of School Tech Plan

VII. Action Item – Financial Report- Discussion and Approval

VII. Action Item- BARS

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- Finance/ Audit Committee report

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GC Members Present: President, Shelly Ratigan, Vice President, Matthew Spriggs, Secretary, Chris Baker, Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull

GC Members Absent:

Staff Members: Sandy Beery, Director, Deanna Gomez, Business Manager

Guests: Warren Kelly, Linda Seto, and Jennifer Young, Maya Burnett y Velarde

AGENDA

I. Call to order and establish quorum – A quorum was established at 6:08pm.

II. Action Item - Approval of agenda

Matthew Spriggs made a motion to approve. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

III. Action Item – Approval of April 11, 2012 minutes

Matthew Spriggs made a motion to approve. Chris Baker second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Public Comments - Please sign the Public Attendance Sheet and limit public comments to 2 to 4 minutes.

V. Action Item – Discussion and approval of future facility options

The public has been encouraged to participate for the future facility options. Sandy provided a worksheet to show what was needed in a school building and compared the needs for, La Posta, Manzanares, and any other buildings that other board members may bring to the table. Sandy reminded the GC Board that in January everyone agreed that we should pursue the La Posta as our first priority. Sandy did bring a copy of lease that meets all state requirements for the Barracks location on La Posta. La Posta would be ready to lease effective June 1st. We have paid a deposit and last month's rent for Manzanares so we would not be paying double for the month of June. Sandy talks that the owner in Texas is willing to work with us and has been very easy to deal with. Shelly brings up that we will have 3 owners and Sandy states as we do now with both campuses. Shelly says that she met with Brandi and did a walk through on the Dragon's Nook. Shelly says that it was told to her that Tom would sell the Dragon's Nook and the Manzanares campus for 1 million. Shelly says that we have not gathered enough information to know if we can raise and create a new foundation for Dragons Nook. Matthew says that it is impossible from his 18 years of professional experience. Shelly and Jennifer spoke of several other options in the vicinity. With so many new listings, not even yet listed on the MLS, they are somewhat reluctant to make a decision on a permanent facility. Jennifer also brought up the charter and the importance of location in the charter. She believes that the school should be located in walking distance to libraries, parks, and galleries. Doug Patterson indicated the owner in Texas has made an offer on the land adjacent to the land at La Posta for the playground. Based on this conversation Doug was unsure of making improvements on his property to accommodate the additional classrooms that would be needed by TISA. He said that the estimate of the improvements to the property were around \$50,000. He believed that if TISA was going to continue being located in two locations it would be better for the school to lease the Barracks location with the Manzanares property. Deanna stresses that the school cannot secure a loan from a bank and the foundation still has not been able to secure donations to establish the 501c3. Shelly stated that we still have the option that we can lease for one more year at Manzanares and not rush into La Posta. Sandy and Deanna reminded the board that we are under a time frame for lease assistance application funding and the amount of money budgeted for rent. Linda asked if it would be possible for us as a school to fence off the property with school funds. She added that there are many safety issues with such an open space and would need to put a lot of work into helping with safety issues.

Linda requested that if we do move to La Posta and Manzanares is still vacant that we keep that an option for a permanent facility. Shelly added that she would like to see us explore other options for a permanent facility that would work with the Manzanares location. If we do make La Posta a more permanent place we will most likely have a 27 passenger bus if the board agreed to it. Deanna, our business manager, confirmed that money has been put aside to start saving for the bus. We would have to probably be at the La Posta campus up until 2015 until we would have to think about purchasing. Questions were raised by board members regarding a lease purchase agreement. Deanna added that finding a landlord that is willing to take the risk of entering into a lease purchase agreement is something we don't want to take lightly. In the lease purchase agreement there is a section that states that they may have to pay for capital improvements made on the property if the agreement was terminated prior to final payment. Warren also mentioned that the school is not a location but the students and that he believed all students should be at one campus to get the community and culture of the school. Matthew Spriggs made a motion that we consider leasing the Barracks building and the Patterson building at La Posta and any adjoining land for installation of the playground that is now owned by Tom Worrell for a K-8 charter school. Lee Backer second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer. No votes: Jennifer Hull, Shelly Ratigan Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 3-2.

VI. Action Item – Discussion and approval of School Tech Plan

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the Tech Plan. Chris Baker second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Action Item – Financial Report- Discussion was held regarding the financial reports sent out to GC prior to the meeting. Our budget looks on track for the carryover funds that we have planned for our budget next year.

VII. Action Item- BARS

Shelley Ratigan made a motion to give Deanna approval to do necessary bars. Lee Backer second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Matthew Spriggs, Lee Backer, Jennifer Hull. No votes: Abstaining votes: 0. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Administrator report.

We are having field day at Kit Carson Park, and Sandy invited all the parents and board members to join in. We need to be at the park by 11 so 5th and 6th graders might just walk over there. Parent teacher conferences are taking place May 24th and 25th.

- Finance/ Audit Committee report

IX. Next meeting agenda items

New governing council members

La Posta lease

X. Adjournment

Chris Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:20. Shelly Ratigan seconded.

Approved By:



Chris Baker, Secretary

5/21/12

Date