

**TAOS INTEGRATED SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
GOVERNING COUNCIL AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Thursday September 27, 2012  
5:30-7:30**

This meeting will be held on September 27, 2012 at 5:30 pm at TISA, 123 Manzanares St. Taos. Please call 758-7755 for more information.

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

**GC Members Absent:**

**Staff Members: Sandy Beery, Administrator, Warren Kelly, Curriculum Director**

**AGENDA**

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

Shelly called to order at 5:34.

**II. Action Item - Approval of agenda**

Lee Backer made a motion to approve the September 27, 2012 agenda. Jennifer Hull second.

Roll call vote: Aye votes: Chris Baker, Shelly Ratigan, Jennifer Hull, Lee Backer. No votes: Abstaining votes:

0. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Emily Hall- would like to start looking for solutions for the student body. What is the legality about transportation and why won't the state give us money for a bus. Can we fundraise? Ask for a bus? How do we go about getting transportation for the school?

Jutka Furesz- Knows that many parents are invested in the way the students learn and know that we can move forward.

Lesley- would like to be notified and make sure we just don't make a decision without thinking how it can affect us in the long run.

Linda C.- We need to be well informed while making decisions about the future facility options for the student body.

Jennifer- relaying a message for a parent that could not be here brought up that we could think about merging with Taos Waldorf as they will soon becoming a Charter and we are looking for property.

Peter- Has been looking at potential new property for the school and will continue to look.

**IV. Facilities Committee Report – Linda/Molly**

Linda talks about the Charter, to have a location downtown with close walking distance to the park, library, museums, etc., a central located place where we can take advantage of all of these places. A building committee has been formed, but need an Administrator, faculty, and parents. What are TISA's goals? We need to keep in our budget/ regulations. We need a list of clear goals for what we want for the school/ facility master plans. Charter School Property Solutions is a program that helps develop Charter Schools and the Penasco Charter School is currently using them for guidance. Partners meet with the school, board, Administrator. They will come up with a plan and search for the property and fund buying the property and will then lease to the school. They are able to give a timeline of about 15 months of planning, lease, renovations, etc. They also have a list of possible financiers it we chose to go that round. They have a lot of information and the facility committee thinks the board should take a step back understanding by design. Look at the full picture to see what we want to achieve as the end goal for the school leave out some of the details and focus on the whole picture first. Investigate programs like this that are out there to help Charter schools like ours. Molly can help with the leg work and asks to put the word out that they are looking for lawyers, realtors, etc.

Shelly said that the board needs to make a shift from the board to the Administrator for mandates, etc. The board will delegate so that the next 8 months are focused to the whole picture. Linda adds that the program does help you obtain financing. Linda asks about the GRT money that comes into the school and when we will be getting it. Linda wants clarity on when we will be getting the GRT money and how Shelly states that the board is mandated to follow through with the

Lease to Purchase. The school is only protected through the lease for this year, just because we are not a school that does not mean we are protected from someone else buying the building while school is in session. Jennifer asks why things didn't get done at first when talked about submitting a lease to purchase back in May. A lease to purchase template was sent to Kim Goodyear and Maria and the Administrator was informed that Tom Worrell was in town and people were meeting with him. An answer was never given as to how the meeting went about the lease to purchase template that was sent via e-mail. Shelly says that the lease to purchase was lacking terms and conditions and was basically a blank template that was sent. Linda goes back to the e-mail sent from the potential property owner saying that the e-mail he sent was very positive and sounds like he is looking to have a relationship with us in the future. Chris asks that how come no one has gone directly to the source, Tom Worrell? A certified letter is one way that we can get word to him on what we are working to achieve. Chris Reed volunteered to help write the letter and Jennifer Hull would like to ask for help from Jutka and Linda Seto to put this letter together. We are not even sure if Tom Worrell is aware of our attentions from May of us wanting to pursue the lease to purchase. A letter will be written to Jeff Shardell as well. The building committee will pursue other options and the board will pursue the lease to purchase for the campus. Questions must be answered at the next board meetings and will not be tabled Shelly states. Jennifer Ventresca says she has a few friends who are lawyers not in New Mexico who she would be willing to run things by. Warren asks that the whole K-7<sup>th</sup> be looked at for a permanent home, not just K-4<sup>th</sup>. Molly would like to add an action item to the next that we need our scope delineated. Shelly asks that future board members should be on every agenda. A letter will be written by Jennifer Hull, Chris Reed, Lida Seto, and Jutka Furesz. They will write a piece over the weekend and put it together when they meet on Wednesday.

**V. Action Item** – Executive Session – The Governing Council may, if necessary, enter into executive session limited to discussions regarding matters related to facility needs after June 2013. No action will be taken in executive session. Shelly tabled the Executive Session

#### **VI. Future agenda items**

**Facilities committee scope of work**

**Who does what work, board vs. facilities committee**

**GRT money- when do we get it and how can it be spent?**

**A lease to purchase template/agreement, would like to make an offer. (Letter of Intention)**

**Review of the procedural requirements**

**Discussion and Action on staggered times for La Posta Campus**

**Air Quality at the La Posta campus**

**No cell phones at board meeting**

**Lease to purchase with Sue Fox**

**Transportation Dept. about federal funding**

**FMP for charter needs**

#### **VII. Adjournment**

**Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06. Jennifer Hull second.**

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**Chris Baker, Secretary**

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**Date**