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**TNAACS Board Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday September 20, 2016**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 6:26 PM by Kevin Monroe.

In attendance were: Shimon Waronker, Lisa Silva, John Jangle, Matthew Harrington, Kevin Monroe, Lorraine Scorsone, and Elizabeth DeAngelis.

I. Discussion Items:

❖ **Student Enrollment/Registration**

Matthew Harrington stated that current enrollment is 311 students with 4 pending currently. The TNAACS will be at 315 which will put the school off budget in general education students. They are continuing to recruit students, especially Kindergarten. Special education is projected to be over budget. The goal is to get to 325 general education students. The school is waiting to hire several school aids until enrollment numbers are confirmed. Lisa Watkins is confident that they will be able to recruit new students. Lisa Silva said that there are families that are aware of sibling preference and are waiting until Grade 1 to join TNAACS because they know they are guaranteed a seat and are keeping students in an all day Kindergarten Day Care instead..

❖ **NYS Test results and Next Steps**

Lisa stated that they are doing an in depth analysis of the state exams in an upcoming meeting.

❖ **MMB Financial Audit**

When the auditors spoke informally to Lisa, they felt that the school's operations team is very well run. A detailed report will follow. Matthew Harrington spoke to the assistance that CSBM Financial Consultants have provided.

❖ **New Hire for the First Grade Team**

Lisa Silva spoke to how there was a need to hire 2 teachers post summer training and a grade 1 teacher had to leave for personal reasons. Lisa Watkins and Master Teachers began phone interviews and after hired a new teacher for Grade 1. Lisa spoke to how on each team, there is a member who has been at TNAACS for several years.

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New Location Update

TNAACS students are riding buses with other students and this has been a challenge. TNAACS has a strict busing behavior policy and it has been challenging, as other students on the bus from other school are not under the same policy. There was a smoke situation last week. Despite not having a fire drill but everyone evacuated efficiently from both schools.

❖ Potential visit by Chancellor Farina

There is a possibility that the chancellor may come by post the colocation. Matt Harrington has reached out to see if this visit is going to take place. To date, nothing has been confirmed.

❖ ELL Students

There are now students who speak Arabic enrolled in the school, which brings the number of ELL students to 7.

There is a teacher willing to work with Special Education and ELL students. Lisa Silva stated that when lottery is done in spring, ELL students will receive preference.

II. Discussion/Decision Item:

❖ Potential New Board Member Fleur Monroe

Kevin is going to be moving to the Initiative Board. Shimon made a motion that Fleur become a member of the TNAACS board when Kevin transfers to the Initiative. John Jangle made a motion to consider Fleur Monroe. Lorraine Scorsone seconded the motion. Fleur will complete an application to become a member of the TNAACS Board.

III. Decision Item:

❖ The following dates were finalized as meetings for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

- *Tuesday, September 20*
- *Thursday, October 27*
- *Tuesday, November 29*
- *Tuesday, December 20*
- *Tuesday, January 31*

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- *Thursday, February 16 (Tentative date for Board Dinner)*
- *Tuesday, March 21*
- *Tuesday, April 25*
- *Tuesday, May 23*
- *Tuesday, June 27*
- *Tuesday, July 25*
- *Tuesday, August 29*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.