

**TCA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting – January 23, 2012
CBS - Library**

6:10 roll call/call to order

Mr. Cameron
Mr. Carter
Mr. Leland
Mr. Mast
Mr. Palmer - called in at 6:15pm
Mr. Pope
Mr. Woody

Comments from Audience:

Marion Floyd – comments about College Pathways: when coming to TCA from California – saw TCA is about options and choices but also about values and character. When sports are included inclusion in college pathways – TCA should allow those choices and values. Are there issues of ethics and right and wrong.

Discussion Items:

6:22 – moved to discussion of charter school solutions review of report...

Mr. Pope and Mr. Mast both submitted overviews of the CSS review report –

Mr. Mast led discussion on CSS report. Comments about the board having a better and more clear governance model; Mr. Woody summarized the four issues most repeated in the report (1) Bylaws update (2) strategic plan; (3) clarify leadership roles; (4) training for board. Mr. Woody suggested the Board should divide up, assign responsibility, and resolve these issues.

Action Items: (1) Mr. Pope and Mr. Miller (counsel) are already working the revision of the bylaws (Feb meeting)(2) Dr. Bohn is working strategic plan (Feb meeting); (3) Mr. Woody is taking the responsibility for training proposals (4) clarifying the leadership roles. (Mr. Cameron/Mr. Mast) (5) communicating and reporting. (Mr. Carter)

Issue of Trust – commit time and energy to the issue of Trust – (Mr. Leland)

Mrs. Mund, recommended (via Mr. Miller) three board training modules for the Board to review as soon as possible; “Strategic Planning”, “Promoting the Vision and Mission of the School,” and “Accountability and Program Assessment.”

7:07pm started – item (b)

Matters related to College Pathways (Steve Wright)

1. Background/Philosophy/Alignment with Core Values (S. Wright)
Handout –
Facilitate the student who desires the PPCC and TCA experience not to lose themselves in this but to find themselves in the process.

Questions about academic rigor and transferability and whether they meet TCA traditional academic standards.

Questions from the audience about whether the credits are accepted beyond the Colorado GT courses. (GT courses – reviewed online by CML – how does a course/institution approved and reviewed).
2. Staff/and Growth history
(handout)
Review of FTE and workload – Mr. Mast asked a question about temporary help for registration/Mr. Wright answered in terms of perhaps more long term investment with staff to student in terms of

Mr. Wright – introduced CP staff in the room:

Mary Perez – Dir. Of College Counseling
Rollie Stonemen – Dir. of Assessments
Peter Hilts – Founding Director
3. Support Requirements
(handout – both sides)

BREAK – 8:32 – Reconvene at 8:42

ADDITIONAL OPEN/AUDIENCE:

Michelle Sorak – Parent-Teacher Organization – place for that?

Mr. Wright – TCA is working – organizationally – for PTO's being more than fund raising; to building community – Already have a SAC may be able to expand that...

Donna Arndt – push question to end;

Staff/Space – continual need – in 150 square feet; working with plan (with Mr. Collins team) on expanding at East – reuse of space.

Mr. Mast – Can CP handle any functions off-site as well as on-site? Mr. Wright – touch and relationships are important and as such need to be on-site.

Front Office at East also handles CS and CP – which is why number is so high.

Mr. Collins addressed issue of what longer term needs might be in terms of off-site, can't expand East or current location. Does entire program need to move?

Mr. Stonemen – GT courses; wish to consider AP status for PPCC/GT courses . More students are requesting CP diploma not Homeschool diploma. Overwhelming majority wish CP diploma. Giving AP credit levels playing field for admissions.

Motion to adjust the agenda and call the discussion tonight on a first read for the proposal to weight GT classes taken in the CP program as a 5.0. Mr Woody, (moves and second – Mr. Carter). The Board asked for additional information and balanced presentation, legal information, potential impact.

Mr. Cameron - Aye
Mr. Carter - Aye
Mr. Leland - Nay
Mr. Mast - Aye
Mr. Palmer - Aye
Mr. Pope - Aye
Mr. Woody - Aye

Motion passed and agenda item added to February regular meeting

4. PPCC Partnership
Briefly overviewed by Mary Perez
5. CP and TCA HS relationship
6. Extracurricular Activities

Combined for discussion and presentation purposes. Mr. Wright gave an introduction to issues of finding a way to make sense of relationship between CP program and TCA HS. Clarification needed on where this falls. Waiting for Board approval. (handout provided of Guidelines for Students – College Pathways and TCA North Campus).

Mr. DiPetrore gave a further introduction to the guidelines and the high school perspective. TCA is unique in terms of community and though it has some elements of guarding the community that has been built, and the guidelines protect that and hopefully work on the relationship between both.

Comments from CP staff, and Board and some audience about the integration of Core values and sense of community. Lengthy discussion followed.

Action: Item for discussion back to Dr. Bohn with Instructional Philosophy and with leadership of CP and TCA HS about elements of guidelines that are agreed to and disagreed with by either/or and clarify co versus extra curricular issues.

Steve Palmer left the meeting at some point after 10:30pm - lost phone contact.

7. School Funding for On-line Schools
8. Vision for the future

Adjourn (Cameron/Carter) (unanimous voice vote)
11:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Leland, TCA Board Secretary