

# THOMAS ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2022

3:00 pm

via Go To Meeting

## Call to Order

Chairman Owen Robinson called the meeting to order.

## Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Sharon Connor called the roll. A quorum was present. Members attending via Go To Meeting were, Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt, Julie Wolfe, Dr. Len Holmes and Patricia Medlin. Staff in attendance were, President Ricky Creech, Principal Cathy Gantz, Julie Ward (sitting in for Daniel Nolan) and Sharon Connor, Executive Office Administrator. Board members absent were Christy Hopkins and Woody Weddington.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement

Members read aloud the TA Mission and Vision statement.

## Consider and Approve Current Agenda

Julie Wolfe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second Dave Wyatt. Motion carried.

## Consider and Approve Minutes from Last Month

Dave Wyatt made a motion to approve the March 8<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Second Len Holmes. Motion carried.

## Public Comments

Chairman Robinson opened the floor to the public for comments and feedback. There were none.

## Director of Education/Principal Report – Cathy Gantz

- Student enrollment - 94.
- Report Cards were distributed April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior pictures will be taken the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Prom is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Prom pictures will be taken.
- Spring Break is April 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.
- TA Yearbook will be distributed the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Awards Night is May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Graduation rehearsal is June 10<sup>th</sup> with Graduation on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Leamon Rogers Memorial Chapel. Eighteen students scheduled to graduate.
- Joy Kelleher developed therapeutic kits for each TA classroom. These kits support the Waccamaw Way.
- The program Freckles from Renaissance was purchased and provides virtual reading and math lessons. The program adjusts to each students' reading and math level.
- Our EC Director provided professional development to all faculty and staff.
- Reviewed the Academic Report which showed the effectiveness of having After-School Tutoring. Scores have improved in Reading and Math.
- Received 100% on the Exceptional Children's Program IDA.
- Met the deadline for the headcount to receive federal monies.
- TA student was accepted to attend Howard University.

- Summer School is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.
- Basketball Camp is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Forty slots are open for residential and community students.

### **Recommendations/Action Items**

Dr. Gantz reported DPI has recommended to have representatives from the TA Board attend the School Improvement Team meetings. The meetings take place twice a month the first and third Monday of each month from 2:45 – 3:45 pm. Members can attend virtually. Julie Wolfe noted she would send out an email to members asking for dates they are available to attend the meetings.

### **2022-2023 Alternative School's Modified Accountability System Participation**

Dr. Gantz reported Thomas Academy's Alternative Schools Modified Accountability System Participation is option B. TA is evaluated on student persistence 20%, School Achievement 20% and School Growth 60%.

### **Updated Covid Policy**

1. TA students are no longer required to wear a mask.
2. Daily temperature checks are no longer required.
3. Masks will remain available for any visitor, staff or student that would like to wear a mask.
4. Masks are to continue to be worn on the school vans for the duration of the ride during pick up and drop off by both the driver and the students.

President Creech noted he had emailed the complete Covid Policy to Board members. *(Policy attached)*

Pat Medlin made motion to adopt the Updated Covid Policy as presented by Dr. Gantz. Second Len Holmes. Motion approved.

Dr. Gantz requested the Board adjust the school calendar to have an early release day on April 14<sup>th</sup> due to the start of Spring Break and the day of the TA Prom.

Pat Medlin made a motion to approve an early release on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Second Dave Wyatt. Motion approved.

### **Public Adjournment**

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned and the meeting went into executive session following a motion by Pat Medlin and second by Dave Wyatt. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.