

Helping students find Connection, Compassion & Character

TA Board of Directors Meeting 09/12/2023

Call to Order

• Dave Wyatt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

- Shannon Britt called the roll.
- Owen Robinson and Leonard Holmes were absent. Melissa Hopkins was present as a parent. Staff present were Dr. Cathy Gantz, TA Principal, Marc Murphy, CEO/President, Daniel Nolan, CFO, and Shannon Britt, TA Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

• Dave Wyatt led in the pledge of allegiance

Reading of the Vision

• Dave Wyatt read the TA Vision and Mission Statement

Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month

• Julia Wolfe moved to approve the minutes for May at the next meeting. Pat Medlin provided a second to the motion.

Public Comments

• No public comments were brought forth.

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

- Student Enrollment:

- 71 with 54 community students and, 17 residential students
- Student Activities:
 - The STEM club begins September 18th and runs through the end of the school year.

- Two students from TA's STEM Club participated in Cape Fear Soap Box Derby Day in Fayetteville, NC.
- A partnership was developed with Black's Tire. Students will be involved in apprenticeships and shadowing opportunities.
- TA's partnership was renewed with Southeastern Community College. Students will have a chance to earn up to 6 semester hours developing career skills. The first class, Introduction to Writing will begin on Wednesday, September 13th.

- Staff Development:

- TA Teachers returned on July 24th and were involved in professional development as well as TFM training.
- Academic report:
 - EOC, ELA 53% increase, Math-1 38% increase, Math-3 43% increase, Biology 5% increase.
 - The status of TA has changed from a declining school to a progressing school.
 - Graduation rate has increased from 70% to 85%.
 - TA has purchased Rosetta Stone and Duo Lingo for our MLL class (Spanish speaking students)

- Student/School Success:

- TA had a library ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly renovated library on Thursday, August 24th.
- The Jimmy Johnson Grant has provided \$26,000 of funding for books.
- The SHAC grant provided new furniture, painting, and a large screen TV.
- A TA senior landed a job at the new Dollar General Market in Hallsboro.
- Upcoming
 - TA has a monthly SIT (School Improvement Team) meeting the first Monday of every month at 1:30 pm, HS Library.
 - TA will have its 3rd parent night in October.
- Action Items
 - TA college and career promise will become effective in October 2023.
 - College and Career promise will be asking for the cost of books and codes to be paid for by students and family.
 - There was a motion to change the verbiage in the CCP's statement about the payment for books and codes by Julia Wolfe.
 - Julia Wolfe withdrew a motion to be presented at the next meeting.
 - Motion was tabled

Daniel Nolan - Chief Financial Officer

• Daniel Nolan reviewed the Financial Report.

Public Adjournment

• David Wyatt moved to adjourn the public meeting.

Executive Session

- Marc Murphy talked about the budget for and renovations for shelter homes.
- Dr. Gantz thanked everyone.
- Pat Medlin moved to end the executive session.
- Julie Wolfe provided a second to the motion.