



TA Board of Directors Meeting 02/23/2026

Call to Order

- Mike Reid welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

- Shannon DeRosa called the roll.
- Present were: Mike Reid, Dave Wyatt, Pat Medlin, Julie Wolfe, Racheal Winger,
- Absent were: Woody Weddington, Christy Hopkins, Terri Duncan, Kim Sheeks
- Staff present were: Cathy Gantz, Thomas Academy Principal, Mark Murphy, BGH CEO, Janice Toporek, BGH CFO, and Shannon DeRosa, Thomas Academy Office and Data Manager
- Parent(s) present were: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Mike Reid led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Vision

- Mike Reid read the TA Vision and Mission Statement.

Consider and Approve Current Agenda

- Julie Wolfe moved to amend the agenda to show the approval of minutes from November 24th. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed.

Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month.

- Julie Wolfe moved to approve the November 24th minutes. Dave Wyatt seconded and the motion passed.
- Dave Wyatt moved to table the approval of minutes from January 26th, 2026. Racheal Winger seconded and the motion passed

Public Comments

- None

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

◆ Student Enrollment:

- Target Enrollment: Eighty-five
- Current Student Enrollment: Seventy-two
- Community Students: Thirty-eight
- Residential Students: Thirty-eight

Students enrolled by grade level	Residential	Community
3rd	4	0
4th	1	1
5th	1	4
6th	0	4
7th	7	6
8th	5	5
9th	10	2
10th	5	9
11th	2	5
12th	3	2

Potential Graduates for June 2025: 5 - 12th graders and 3 - 11th graders

◆ Student Activities:

- TA Rotary Interact Club
- TA Key Club/Event
- Boys' Basketball: 9/5 wins (69%)
- Girls' Cheerleading (Ms. Ashlee Jackson-Cheerleading Sponsor)
- SCC Partnership/Vocation Education Classes- Transport Technology Auto-Mechanics) and Agri-Business-Second Semester.
- "Rise and Thrive" student group sessions two times per week during fifth period advising (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

◆ Professional Development:

- NC Star Key Indicators are ongoing (www.indistar.org, Login: GuestS17733.)
- School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings are scheduled for the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm in the library/media center.
- Monthly Relias Training is ongoing for all teachers

◆ Academic Report:

- Congratulations to our new van drivers. We also have two more van drivers (Mr. Huskins and Mr. Paul) and Lisa Ferreria, Substitute Teacher.
- TA open positions for spring 2026, MS Science/ELA and PE/Health.
- Student attendance: 08/25/2025-12/19/2026 was 89.59%. Third Grade-Fifth Grade: 97.06% Sixth Grade- Eighth Grade:86.94%, and Ninth Grade-Twelfth Grade: 89.50%.
- NC Check-ins: Reading and Math-Grades 3-8; Math I and III; ELA II; and Biology. Tuesday February 24th, Make-ups; ACT, and 8th Grade Physical Science.
- Behavior: The Teaching Family Model continues to be implemented each day at TA with 90% teacher participation rate. The observers noted that they have provided teachers with feedback and they have seen improvement.

◆ **Student/School Success:**

- Our partnership with Southeastern Community College (SCC) vocational opportunities continues in 2026.
- Fifty percent of TA Potential Graduates have completed an application for scholarship support. They are due on March 1st.
- TA's Breakfast Program
- Welcome to Ms. Kim Sheeks, our newest TA Board of Directors' member.
- TA is honored to have Racheal and Malik as guest speakers for graduation, June 6th, 2026.

◆ **Upcoming:**

- February 24th-American College Testing (ACT): English, Math, Reading, with an optional Science Section. The ACT scale ranges from 1-36 and measures College Readiness, Subject Areas, and Optional Writing. The composite score is the average of the three measures. There is also an optional writing test to assess essay skills.
- March 2nd, Picture Day-8:30 am (Fuller Royal).
- March 6th-8th, Key Club District Convention and Leadership Conference, 2026, Charlotte, NC.
- Cucalorus Film Foundation Field Trip, Wilmington, NC (Intermediate and Middle School Students-March 12th and High School Students-March 13th).
- March 19th is Career Day. Career Day will be held in the gym beginning at 1:00 pm.
- April 2nd, TA Prom: Candy Land-6:00-8:00 pm.
- Teaching Family Evaluation will take place in the Fall of 2026.
- For Fall 2026, SCC will offer our students AHR 110- Introduction to Refrigeration, start date: 08/31/2026-12/09/2026: Monday-Friday, 12:58 pm-2:06 pm.

- Also, for Fall, 2026, TA is exploring Experiential Learning to enhance our curriculum.
- TA's Charter School Renewal Process:
 1. April 2026 - OCS will send schools their new Charter Agreements to be signed by the Board Chair, notarized, and mailed back to OCS.
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◆ **Action Items:**

1. None

◆ **Attachments/Requests:**

- Thomas Academy Picture Schedule

◆ **Financials**

- Janice Toporek reviewed the Financial Report that had been provided to the members and a copy of the financial report will be attached.

◆ **Public Adjournment**

- Julie Wolfe moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dave Wyatt seconded and the motion passed at 5 PM.

◆ **Closed Session**

- None