



TA Board of Directors Meeting 03/11/2025

Call to Order

- Dave Wyatt welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

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

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 Current Agenda

- Julie Wolfe moved to approve the agenda. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed.

Consider and Approve Minutes for Last Month.

- Julie Wolfe moved to approve the minutes from February 11th 2024. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed

Public Comments

- No public comments.

Director of Education/Principal Report- Dr. Cathy Gantz

◆ Student Enrollment:

- Target Enrollment: eighty-five
- Current Student Enrollment: sixty-five
- Community Students: forty-one
- Residential Students: twenty-four

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

Potential Graduates for June 2025: 3 - 11th graders, 9 - 12th graders

◆ Student Activities:

- Girls' and Boys' Basketball games ended on Friday, February 28th with a win!
- TA Rotary Interact Club.
- TA Key Club.
- Vocation Education Classes- Soil Science and Transportation Technology Classes.
- Dance Club.
- TA Prom: April 17th.
- Graduating Senior Scholarships are due May 1st.
- Career Day Field Trips.
- College Field Trips.
- Soccer offering.

◆ Professional Development:

- Raleigh Triangle International will continue to partner with Thomas Academy through June 2025 as we transition to blended classes adding grades 3-5.
- School Improvement Team (SIT) meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 1:30-3:00 pm. March meetings are: Wednesday, March 12th and 26th.
- The Teaching Family Model best practices are provided by our consultants to our teachers through classroom observations and professional development.

◆ Academic Report:

- The next truancy court will be on March 14th. We continue to monitor closely student tardiness and absences.
- The third NC Check-in benchmark was administered during the dates 02/25 - 02/27.
- The Teaching Family Model continues to be implemented by the faculty and staff of TA. TA Behavioral referrals October 2023: 11 In-school suspensions and 7 Out-of-school suspensions as compared to October 2024: 0 In-school suspensions and 7 Out-of-school suspensions. In 2023, there were more behaviors related issues with only 2 being contraband issues. Most of these behaviors were class disruptions, peer conflict, and physical aggressions. Seventy-one percent of OSS in 2024 were due to contraband coupled with vaping. There was one incident of aggression.

◆ Student/School Success:

- Thomas Academy has a new ROTC Instructor, Sgt. Spencer Davis, and a new substitute teacher, Ms. Summer Long. They participated in New Employee Orientation training beginning on Monday, March 10th.
- TA Student attendance from 02/01/2025-02/28/2025: grade 6-96.05%; grades 7 and 8-98.02%; grades 9-12-96.73%.
- TA MS Student Grades average of 77%.
- TA HS Student Grades average of 85%.
- Dr. Tom Simmons will be the guest speaker for TA Graduation on Saturday, June 7th, 2025.

◆ Upcoming:

- Lockdown Drills (March 10th).
- MTSS and SIT Meetings.
- Career Day, Sunrise Communications, Wilmington, NC for 11th and 12th grade students on March 25th,
- ACT for 11th grade will be on March 12th.
- Farm Days, Friday, March 25th
- March 17th, Report Cards.
- Key Club Convention, Friday, March 21st and 22nd
- On March 25th, 2025, Middle School students will take a field trip to the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher.
- Teaching Family Model Mock Interview: March 25th-27th.
- Junior/Senior Trips to FSU/Livingston College TBD.
- A Title IV grant will provide a music activity (Pink Slips on March 28th) and an (Art activity on March 31st, Kathy Potter).

- April 2nd, Eye Screening, sponsored by Lake Waccamaw Lions Club.
- Special Olympics, Wednesday, April 9th.
- The Office of Charter Schools' TA site visit will be on April 16th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. This visit will include the following: 1.- A parent group of 4; 2.- A teacher group of 4; 3.- TA's Board of Directors; and 4.- the administrative team including the school leader.
- TA Prom will be on Thursday evening, April 17th, 6:00-9:00 pm, Location: Gymnasium, Theme: Disney Royalty.
- TA Field Day TBD..
- TA Assembly to highlight seniors, May 22nd, at 1:00 pm, gymnasium.
- Awards Ceremonies, May 28th, 6:00-8:00 pm for all students.
- TA Senior Breakfast and graduation practice, June 6th.
- TA Graduation, Saturday, June 7th.

◆ **Action Items:**

- Discussion of an election of new TA Officers, Dave Wyatt.
 - Motion to appoint Julie Wolfe and Dave Wyatt as nominating committee. Pat Medlin moved to approve motion. Christy Hopkins seconded and the motion passed
- TA Board of Directors' vote to change the meeting date from the second Tuesday of the month to the fourth Tuesday of the month.
 - Deferred until the next Board Meeting.

◆ **Attachments/Requests:**

- Office of Charter School Visitation 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. Pat Medlin seconded and the motion passed at 5:12 PM.

◆ **Closed Adjournment**

- No closed session.

Thomas Academy Board Director Signature

Date