

# TPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Board Minutes, Open Session – March 17, 2011

Board Members Present:

Howard Brammer, Dan Brownlee, Tracy Dull, Doug Felton, Charlie Grandy, Tony Pancake, Lars Rascoe and Kerry Walker

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dave Gatman, William Lance, Toni Kanzler, Shane Schaffer and Tammy Veselsky

Minutes:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, Tracy Dull, at 6:07 p.m. with a quorum present.

- A. Welcome: Tracy reviewed the agenda items and welcomed several guests in attendance.
- B. Devotion given by Howard. Kerry was honored for his service as Superintendent.
- C. Academic Staff Report: Board members commented and asked questions about the written staff report. Some of the items discussed included:
  - a. Mothers Day Out in Early Childhood – Tammy explained that MDO will be offered in the fall of 2011 on Mondays and Wednesdays; class capacity is 8 children; currently one child is enrolled;
  - b. Shane elaborated on the reference to the conference on teaching skills for autistic disorders in his report. He noted that the school's current enrollment includes about 6 high functioning autistic students and that it's not the school's intent to be prepared to address the needs of all potential students with autism. The purpose of the conference attendance was to better equip our staff to properly address those existing autistic students. The school's admission standards remain data driven.
  - c. Shane explained the rationale for moving the NWEA testing from May to April was to allow the school more time during the current school year to address student needs identified by NWEA testing.
  - d. The future of ISTEP testing and the influence of Indiana's Core 40 standards was discussed.
  - e. Buzz reported on the American Heritage Tour.
- D. External Relations Staff Report: Toni reported that there is currently a waiting list for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She also reported updated enrollment numbers of 502, 92 of whom are new to the school. She reported on her recruitment trip to China and explained that the goals of recruiting international students to attend TPCA include: i) helping our student body have a more open mind and to be better informed about cultures of other countries; and, ii) creating an opportunity to share Christ with the international students. The board expressed its appreciation for Toni's efforts in the various Encounter events which have all been well attended and received. Also the board expressed appreciation for the positive response to the Leadership breakfast which was also well attended.

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- E. Finance Committee Report: Dave reported on the financial information included in the meeting packet, including the balance sheet and the income statement.
- F. Building Foundations Report: Kerry reported on progress of development efforts, including receipts on the Building Foundations goal since the last board meeting totaled about \$20,000, attracting \$10,000 in TPCC matching gifts.
- G. Board minutes: Tony moved and Howard seconded the approval of the minutes from the February 17, 2011, Open Session as corrected. The motion passed.
- H. Visitor Comments: The Board heard comments from visitors on non-agenda items. Subjects included: Encouragement for Kerry and agreement with the board's recognition of Kerry for his efforts in leading the school in a godly manner; suggestion that the content of the Leadership breakfast be shared in an evening format for those who couldn't attend in the morning; question on classroom expansion for the high school (answer: mobile units at the north end of the middle school wing are the most likely option); the Bump Day concept has been well received by both parents and students; having international students helps our student body to care more about other countries.

Note: Prayer requests and praises have been moved to the beginning of the Executive Session.

Adjournment: The Open Session of the board meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Felton, Acting Secretary