

# TPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **Board Minutes, Open Session – April 21, 2011**

### Board Members Present:

Dan Brownlee, Howard Brammer, Tracy Dull, Doug Felton, Tim George, Charlie Grandy, Lela Mixon, Tony Pancake, Lars Rascoe, John Shubat, and Kerry Walker

### Ex-Officio Members Present:

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

### Minutes:

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Tim George, at 6:08 p.m. with a quorum present.

- A. Welcome: Tim reviewed the agenda items. There were several guests in attendance.
- B. Dan opened the meeting with a prayer and the board announced it would be adjourning the open session by 7:00 in order to attend the Academy's Maundy Thursday service.
- C. Academic Staff Report: (6:10) Board members asked questions about the written staff report. Some of the items discussed included: Grandparents Day; Parents Day Out; Staff development; advanced placement education training to expand our AP offerings; Spiritual Emphasis and Holy Week. Study table participation and spring sports participation is high. The board acknowledged the large cross erected in the main hallway to which students are attaching notes. The board congratulated Luka Zivkovic (senior) and Alex Olah (junior) who recently signed scholarship offers to play basketball at Fordham and Northwestern respectively.
- D. External Relations Staff Report: (6:27) Tony reported that enrollment for next year stands at 541 today, which is far ahead of last year at this time, with about 35 more potential applicants in the pipeline. The prospect for surpassing our enrollment goal of 573 is good. We will open an additional 6<sup>th</sup> grade class to accommodate growing enrollment. We have a waiting list for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is close to being full. Retention has improved. Last year overall retention was 69%. This year the rate is running about 77%, with every demographic showing improvement, and Tony expects the final retention rate to be higher.
- E. Finance Committee Report: (6:36) Dave reported on the financial information included in the meeting packet, including the balance sheet and the income statement. He discussed options for the additional space needed for high school next year. We likely will be adding six classrooms outside the north hallway, utilizing modular construction with all the classrooms under a single roof. The leadership team is analyzing the best financial options (including purchase vs. lease) and this expense has been included in the 2011-12 budget. They will bring a final recommendation to the Board.
- F. PTF Officers Slate: (6:51) Tracy presented the proposed slate of officers for PTF for the 2011-12 school year:
  - President: Heather Quillhot
  - Vice-Pres: Niki Ford
  - Secretary: Jennifer Lynch
  - Treasurer: Elizabeth Vannoy

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The board discussed the candidates, all of whom are offering to serve for a second straight year, with Ms. Vannoy moving into a third year. Dan moved that the slate of officers be approved, along with a waiver of the two year term limit for the Treasurer. Doug seconded the motion and, after discussion, the motion passed. The board thanked the volunteers who have offered to serve as PTF officers. They accomplished much this year and the board appreciates their service.

- G. Board minutes: (6:54) Charlie moved and Dan seconded the approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2011, Open Session as corrected to delete some of the detail contained in item C. The motion passed.
- H. Visitor Comments: (6:56) The Board heard comments from visitors on non-agenda items. One visitor expressed concern about two subjects:
- Lack of gradation in our grading process, in which only solid letter grades are assigned, without any plus or minus options
  - Class load requirements at the elementary level

Tim thanked the Visitors for coming and invited them to attend the Maundy Thursday service in the cafeteria.

At this time, the Board members expressed appreciation to Tim for his service to the Academy, as he leaves for a three year assignment in South Africa. He was presented with a gift from the Board.

Adjournment: The Open Session of the board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and all the Board members moved into the cafeteria for the service.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Shubat, Secretary