

TIMA Governing Board Meeting Minutes (action items in green)

February 26, 2024

Welcome: Brigitte VanBaelen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

Board members present: Brigitte VanBaelen, Lauren Tignor, Sarah Adams, Robert Morris, Frank Peluso, Tom Gillespie, Ron Bossick, Rob Weisel, Marie Gooding, Non-voting members present: Peter Ulrich, Staff and faculty: Laura Solomon. Absent Members: Mike Lynch, Lee Perry, Cora Thompson, Robert "Trey" Thompson.

Motion into executive session, Ron Bossick, Robert Morris, second, all in favor

Motion into general session: Marie Gooding, Sarah Adams, second, all in favor

Financial Report: EdTec (Peter Laub; Stephanie Barth)- January update

Previous Month vs. Current:

- 56K Decrease net-adjustments to health benefits, janitorial

Monthly cash:

- \$3.2M, 193 days

Motions: Brigitte VanBaelen

Motion to approve January Financials, Tom Gilledpie, Ron Bossick, second, all in favor

Motion to approve January minutes: Ron Bossick, Marie Gooding, second, all in favor

Mission Moment - Grades 3-5: Tracy West, Faculty

- **3rd grade:** thriving in language arts, Learning about colonial period, Living museum-Day in the life of a colonial, Menu Math: Money
- **4th grade:** Weather instruments, LYP buddies, Painting planets, field trip to children's museum (acting out the weather); Designing cars for Force and Motion, Westward Expansion extensions, downtown walking tour, learning about revolutionary War, fieldtrip to starcastle, creating arcade games, writing stories and filming, fun with fractions,
- **5th grade:** Time person of the year award, living museum, step back into time-roaring 20's and great depression eras, swabbing areas of the school and monitoring bacterial growth

School Leader Report: Peter Ulrich, Principal Administrator

- Predicted significant Orange Crush traffic impacts to the island on April 19th
- Met with Chief of Police
- Remote learning day for students and staff

Goal 1 Update: Shepherd empowered learners:

March intersession:

- (approx. 50 students, 8 staff signed up)
- Free enrichment provided by faculty to siblings

Conference day update:

- Changed format (more students, less time)
- Low participation in middle grades
- Positive feedback from staff/families

Enrollment/lottery results:

- 223 applications for 52 total seats
- 100% recommitment, 99.2% returning

Goal 2 Update: elevate teaching profession:

- GSU intern update- 8 interns, very positive, enthusiastic and engaged
- Staff Recombitment- 94% (three staff members leaving for various personal reasons)
- Hiring update
- Math Leadership Conference Update (Stamford)
 - Staff member went to conference
 - Shift needed in how we teach math
 - Open ended student lead instead of teacher led
 - The way a student is taught math and their teacher's perspective profoundly impacts view of math
 - Growth mindset

Goal 3 update

- Replication internal survey
- 86% in favor of replication of a second school
- Concerns- facilities, administration workload, keeping TIMA reputation and culture
- Fall of 2025 K-12, around 1300 students, Ogeechee River Maritime Academy

Goal 4 update: community connections through communication and relationship building

- Fishing Tournament
 - April 13, 2024
 - In tandem with Savannah Sport Fishing Club
 - 5 boats registered
 - 12k raised
 - Goal-30K
- Chevron Update- no update from SCCPSS
- GCSA charter looking for nominations for school teacher, leader, and school award nominations (deadline 2/29)
- Charter school Capital Day visit-Ms. Ingram and Ms. Holliday

- Tybee MLK visit with educational liason- delegation from Ghana visit week of April 22
- Sustainability club, COR compost

Goal 5 Update (Laci Martin, Kinley Wall) Strengthen engagement of students/families

Upcoming events

- Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade 3/9
- Volunteer banquet at Savannah Boathouse 5/16

Specific volunteer areas

- LYP, Room Parent/Class Support, 8th Grade celebration/bridging, Fishing Tournament, Athletics Boosters, TIMA Ambassadors, Subject Matter Experts, Put me in Coach, Family Engagement Planning, Lunch volunteers

General Discussion: Brigitte VanBaelen, Governing Board President / Peter Ulrich, Principal Administrator / Laura Solomon, Director of Growth and Planning

- Reminder: Board Calendar July 23 - June 24
 - Monday, March 25, 2024
 - Monday, April 22, 2024 -whole board training session- zoom
 - Monday, May 20, 2024
 - Monday, June 24, 2024

Public Comment: None

Last Thoughts: Brigitte VanBaelen, Governing Board President - Full Board Training

Adjourn: Brigitte VanBaelen, Governing Board President

Motion to Adjourn: Sarah Adams, second, Frank Peluso, all in favor.