

**Joint Meeting of
Tempe Preparatory Academy
and Tempe Preparatory Junior Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 20, 2015**

The meeting of the Tempe Preparatory Academies Board of Directors was called to order by President Chad Sampson, at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at the Student Union of Tempe Preparatory Academy, 1251 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.

Roll Call

Voting Board Members Present

Chad Sampson, President
Dr. Stuart Newfeld, Secretary Richard Foreman, Vice President Dr. Rebecca Cryder
Roberta Fischer
Trevor Bush, Treasurer
Lisa Borowski

Non-Voting Board Members Present

Andrea Guiney, Parent Organization Representative
Mitchell Sweet, Faculty Representative

Staff Present

Dr. David Baum, Headmaster
Jeff Veenstra, Provost
Dannette Flores, Registrar

Call to the Public

No members of the public asked to speak during this time.

Consent Agenda

Chad Sampson called for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Newfeld requested that session minutes be removed from the consent agenda (item a ii) as they were not provided. Mr. Samson agreed, motion to approve the remaining items passed with Mr. Bush abstaining.

Regular Agenda

Headmaster Report

Tax credit: This was the best year ever.

Building Bond: Negotiations are in progress due to new circumstances.

Health Benefits for faculty and staff: A one year commitment has been made that includes larger than expected increases. A plan is in place to mitigate these at least partially with salary increases in the next fiscal year. The issue will be revisited next year.

TPA enrollment: Next year will see a reduction below recent years in the senior class. There is follow-up with each departing student/family and they report primarily academic and social reasons for departure. Several suggestions were discussed to possibly prevent future departures, but not decisions were made. A public comment form a TPA senior was allowed

and their view was that TPJA does not prepare students well enough for rigors of 9th grade at TPA so students take a hit in their GPA they cannot recover from. So they leave to improve their GPA. This echoes the academic departures reports by the Headmaster.

6th grade Lottery

82 applications were received prior to the deadline including 31 from a sibling of a current student or the child of a faculty/staff member for 88 slots (due to expansion of 6th grade to four sections as approved by the Board at the prior meeting). The remaining six slots will be held for possible new siblings of a current student or the child of a faculty/staff member. A waiting list is being built starting with 8 applications received after the deadline to be admitted on a first come - first served basis as admitted students decline enrollment or withdraw after enrollment.

No Executive Session

Faculty Report

The following topics were discussed during a meeting of roughly half the faculty (this list is not in any sort of priority order)

1. Student departures
2. Board/Headmaster's financial vision for the school
3. Parental surveys
4. Health insurance costs.
5. Headmaster's faculty-board conversation policy
6. Board President's Strategic Plan

Parent Organization Report

This year the PO will update the descriptions of board officers to hopefully generate more interest.

Announcements

President Sampson announced: 1) that TPA is the TOP open enrollment public school in AZ for college completion in 6 years (third year in a row) and 2) the TOP school for the percentage of seniors going to college.

Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Dr. Cryder. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Stuart Newfeld,
Board Secretary