Joint Meeting of
Tempe Preparatory Academy
and Tempe Preparatory Junior Academy
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2014

The meeting of the Tempe Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was called to order by President Chad Sampson, at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 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
Dr. Rebecca Cryder
Roberta Fischer
Trevor Bush, Treasurer

Voting Board Members Absent
Richard Foreman, Vice President
Lisa Borowski

Non-Voting Board Members Present

Andrea Guiney, Parent Organization Representative
Michelle Tripoli, Faculty Representative, Scribe

Non-Voting Board Members Absent

Staff Present

Dr. David Baum, Headmaster

Call to the Public

Melissa Brittain addressed the board with the PAC Report. She presented Dr. Baum with a list of questions regarding the science curriculum changes and discussed communication between parents and faculty.

Consent Agenda

Chad Sampson calls for approval of the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Newfeld seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

Strategic Plan
Chad Sampson states his intention to seek feedback on the strategic plan previously presented to the board.

Headmaster's Report

Update on Grant Applications: Received from PR firm first 7 grants to target; will be sending grant applications over the next 3-4 weeks.

Update on Student Recruitment and Orientation Strategy: Lottery date moved up to mid-January. A formal orientation night would occur in December to prospective parents and students. Dr. Baum also discussed extended orientations for incoming sixth graders over the summer, including remedial academic work for those needing it, based on diagnostic tests.

Update on Teacher Recruitment Strategy: Dr. Baum wants to identify next year's teaching needs earlier, moving up the date for initial review of faculty intentions and administrative intentions for rehire. Dr. Baum wants resumes on file by winter/early spring; he also wants to see a balance between education and experience. Tracy Bryant voices opinion to the board with concern that the school is moving away from great-books educated candidates.

Changes to Faculty Handbook

Replace the word "Dean of Faculty" to "Provost" on pages 5-8.

Proposed Expansion of TPJA 6th grade by one section for 2015-2016 School Year

Dr. Baum proposes an expansion of TPJA sixth grade by one section in order to eventually try to eliminate the vacancies in higher grades when those seats are largely unable to be filled. If the addition of the fourth section is not well received by the community, then the section is moved through the system but a fourth section is not again added. Dr. Baum proposes a small classroom be made out of the 100 building where the financial staff now works. The financial staff would move to a small office off site.

Faculty Report

Michelle Tripoli indicates there is nothing to report.

Parent Organization Report

Andrea Guiney expressed that the PO is ready to support efforts for tax credit drive; the uniform sale was a success; the change in the sports awards program was a success; the SCRIP program is up and running; outdoor movie night to be held on December 6; raffle tickets on sale, proceeds of which will go towards science classrooms; snowstorm campaign gearing up.

Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular TPA Board of Directors' meeting will be December 16, 2014.

Executive Session

Motion by Roberta Fischer to move into Executive session and seconded by Rebecca Cryder. The Board of Directors of Tempe Preparatory Academy voted to go into Executive Session at 7:45p.m. All business conducted in Executive Session is confidential pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (1).

Post-Announcements

Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn, Stuart Newfeld Seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Tripoli, Board Scribe