

**Joint Meeting of  
Tempe Preparatory Academy  
and Tempe Preparatory Junior Academy  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2014**

The meeting of the Tempe Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was called to order by President Chad Sampson, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 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  
Richard Foreman, Vice President  
Trevor Bush, Treasurer  
Lisa Borawski  
Roberta Fischer

**Voting Board Members Absent**

Dr. Rebecca Cryder

**Non-Voting Board Members Present**

Andrea Guiney, Parent Organization Representative  
Michelle Tripoli, Faculty Representative

**Non-Voting Board Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Dr. David Baum, Headmaster  
Jeff Veenstra, Provost

**Call to the Public**

Melissa Brittain, PAC President, spoke on changes to the science curriculum, expectations for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and PAC's role in educating the community. She offered PAC's help with hiring procedures.

Tracy Bryant expressed her feelings about Tommy Brittain's coaching suspension.

Melissa Bryant also expressed her feelings about the suspension.

Richard Foreman asked Dr. Baum whether anything similar had previously occurred and, if so, how it was handled. He requested a history on handbook violations and the handling of them.

President Chad Sampson expressed his support of Dr. Baum in his handling of the issue and also expressed his confidence that Coach Brittain will move forward.

### **Consent Agenda**

Minutes removed. Linda Sale will correct errors.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### **Enrollment Figures**

Enrollment figures and comparison to budget were presented.

#### **Budget**

Computers needed for testing, along with their cost, was discussed.

The PR firm ON Advertising can help with many things including recruiting, fundraising and grant writing. They have suggested moving the lottery forward one month to January.

#### **Curriculum**

A math tutor is now in place for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

Revising the science curriculum was discussed, and a question was posed regarding how curriculum is to be solicited.

School was recently closed for the first time ever due to rain. The faculty will be polled for their opinions on make-up days.

#### **Science Build-Out**

This is proving to be more expensive than anticipated. A chemical hood is coming, and funds will need to be raised for it. Teaching islands were discussed.

## Faculty Handbook

There are big HR issues to be addressed including time off.

The titles of Provost and Assistant Provost need to be created and defined.

## Family Handbook

A motion was made to accept changes to the promotion language. The motion passed.

A motion was made to remove redundant language from the dress code. The motion passed.

A motion was made to prevent constant changing to the testing language. The motion passed.

## Faculty Report

Our faculty is doing an outstanding job. Their response to the change in staff was nothing other than surprise. Rebecca Veenstra is back for periods 1, 2 and 3. Elizabeth Tobin has taken over period 6 biology.

The question came up of whether it is the job of the faculty to report.

## Executive Session

### Post-Announcements

Richard Foreman is retiring from Southwest Gas. Discussion followed regarding the President of the Arizona Education/Business Coalition and whether it would cause any concerns were he to fill the spot that Richard is vacating.

There will be a call soliciting opinions on candidate finance reform and ways to fund schools that have a waiting list so that the list could be absorbed. The operational challenges of doing so were discussed.

### Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular TPA Board of Directors' meeting will be October 21, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Sale". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Linda Sale, Business Administrator