

Tempe Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors
APPROVED MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2009

Time: 6:30p.m.

Location: Student Union

A meeting of the Tempe Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was held in the Student Union of Tempe Preparatory Academy, 1251 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.

Board Members Present: J Hughes, President. E Ortiz, Treasurer. K Brockelman. T Kilby. J Evans. (left at 6:50p.m.) Sara Begley, PTO ex-officio member. E Denny, Faculty ex-officio member.

Board Members Absent: G Golka, Vice President. C LeBeau.

Others Present: J Boles, Headmaster. Hugh Hallman, TPA counsel and Headmaster-Elect.

REGULAR SESSION

1 **Call to Order**—J Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:07p.m.

2 **Call to the Public**—No one answered the call to the public.

3 **Consent Agenda**

- a) Reading/Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings:
 - i. March 19: Regular Meeting
 - ii. March 19: Executive Session
 - iii. April 2: Regular Meeting
- b) Approval of March expenditures and budget
- c) Contract Approvals: AD/Facilities
- d) Resignation of Rich Polley

K Brockelman moved to approve the consent agenda. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.

4 **Admission Lottery for the 2009-2010 Academic Year**—Moved until after item 9.

5 **Discussion and possible motion on current budget status and intentions to deal with reduced state funding in both this year and next** Item tabled for next meeting as Mr. Golka was not present.

6 **Headmaster's Report**

- a) adm/ada report—J Boles reported that attendance remains steady.

7 **Report from Faculty Representative to Board.** E Denny described the faculty-agreed-upon new format for Senior Thesis for the 2009-10 school year. Two teachers would work with 3-5 students. Each group will have a theme. Each teacher will choose one text, the group as a whole will choose one text and the 4th text will be selected by the individual student. Selections will be made before summer break. There will be formal group discussions, but each student will use the texts to devise his or her own topic and ideas. This should ease the burden on faculty as the number of students entering 12th grade continues to increase. The Board expressed general approval of this plan.

8 **Report from Parent Organization to Board.** S. Begley noted that the Ren Fair was a success as far as being a good fundraiser, drawing out a large number of parent volunteers and just being a fun time for families. J Boles thanked Lisa Hicks for extra effort on this project. S Begley noted that upcoming PO events include: Spring Sports Dessert, 8th grade promotion, 12th grade graduation and the SunSplash Day.

9 Board Advisory Sub-Committee Reports / Announcements

- a) Finance Committee Report. Finance Consultant Heather Topper described the current state of the budget as outlined in the Board packet.
- b) Extracurricular Sub Committee Report.—None.
- c) Policy and Governance Committee Report. K Brockelman noted that he continues to work with employment agreements.
- d) Facilities Committee Report E. Ortiz noted that she met with J Boles, Hugh Hallman and David Shumate. Each is tackling part of the list generated by the recent Fire Marshall inspection.
- e) Public Affairs committee Report T. Kilby provided a written report. Exact cuts that the Legislature will make are still uncertain. The Board felt there was not enough definite information to justify another memo to parents.
- f) Strategic Academic Improvement Committee Report J. Evans noted this committee had discussed and agreed with the Senior Thesis ideas as presented by E Denny.

K Brockelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and reconvene at 8:00p.m. to hold the 7th grade lottery at the published time. E Ortiz seconded. Motion passed.

J Hughes reconvened the meeting at 8:00p.m.

Admission Lottery for the 2009-2010 Academic Year J Hughes asked Registrar, Danette Flores, to explain the lottery system to the audience. Based on the pulling of a random number by a member of the audience, that number of trial runs was conducted. Then the official run was for the 2009-10 TPA 7th grade and was signed of on by President John Hughes

10 **Announcements** (J. Hughes)—None.

11 Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 14th, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union

12 Adjournment. **K Brockelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m. E Ortiz seconded. Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hughes
President, TPA Board of Directors.

Susan M Hallman, M.D., Scribe