



T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge
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“The mission of TR Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge is to teach students the joy of learning and the importance of expressing individual talent artistically and academically while enhancing community & culture.”

Board Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2015

I. OPENING SECTION

1. **Call to Order:** By President Gorski at 6:07pm

2. **Roll Call**

Board Members in attendance:

President Gorski	(Present)	Treasurer Wager–Robertson	(Present)
Director Kornfeld	(Present)	Secretary Nyberg	(Present)
Director Manguso	(Present)		

3. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of January 14, 2015 minutes

Approval of January 16, 2015 minutes

Approval of December year-to-date financials

Motion by: President Gorski		Seconded by: Treasurer Wager–Robertson	
President Gorski	(Aye)	Treasurer Wager–Robertson	(Aye)
Director Kornfeld	(Aye)	Secretary Nyberg	(Aye)
Director Manguso	(Aye)		

II. SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

1. **Champions (Before/After School Care)**

- Champions Regional Manager, Rob Martin, gave an overview of the program and how it can continue to serve the TPAAK K-5 grades and also provide after care solutions to the preschool and the CEC middle school.
- Champions would have two state licenses (preschool and school age) and two contracts (one with TPAAK and one with CEC). There would be 3 separate spaces; preschool, K-5, and middle school.
- The proposed Champions fee structure does not provide multi-family discounts. TPAAK has had this discount for the past two years. In agreeing to a fee structure, TPAAK needs to consider the percentage of families who are free and reduced lunch and need to utilize the off hours program in order for their children to attend.
- Champions offers a daily rate, instead of a monthly amount, so families will pay only for what they consume.
- Champions will offer a discount for children of staff members.
- In the future, Champions would like to offer free child care for regular monthly volunteer meetings (PTLO meetings, Board meetings, etc). Children who attend would not have to be registered with the program as long as the meeting is under 2 hours.

2. Mosaica and HoS Report:

- TPAAK has received the STEM award. Information has been sent to the Coloradoan.
- Kindergarten/Preschool information night was very successful.
- TPAAK has repeatedly shown a decrease in ScanTron scores after the winter break. A dip in the middle of the year is a common trend nationwide.

3. Grants:

- We are working on a T&G grant and a Lowes grant.

4. Technology:

- The phone server has been causing problems. It will probably need replaced before the beginning of the next school year.
- Since the PARCC test is done on the computer, keyboarding might become an important thing to offer 3-5th grade students.

5. Strategic Planning:

- The Board would like to consider the benefits in having 2 kindergarten classes and 3 preschool classes vs. 3 kindergarten classes and 2 preschool. From a financial standpoint, the extra preschool class seems invaluable. When looking at retention data, a third kindergarten class might prove necessary. More information needs to be gathered and assessed. The administration will be making recommendations at the next Board meeting.

6. Budget Overview

- Mosaica will be providing a draft budget for the next school year. This budget will be reviewed in March and approved in April. It will be important to verify that this budget aligns well with the 5 year budget plan created with CSI.

III. BOARD ACTIONS

None

IV. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

V. CLOSING SECTION

Next meeting scheduled for March 11th, 2015

Adjournment Motion made by President Gorski at 7:57pm