



T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge
aka Northern Colorado 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 September 9, 2015

I. OPENING SECTION

1. Call to Order: By President Gorski at 6:08pm

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 August 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of August 19, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of September 2, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of July 2015 financials

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

II. SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

1. Administrative Report

- The TPAAK Staff is looking to reassign drama teacher, Cynthia Kayser, to an RTI coordinator, a literacy coach, and an RTI interventionist to increase literacy support to students. The main reason behind this is to help raise the school from Priority Improvement in literacy. Drama will continue in Paragon and be held as an after school club.
- The Staff is also looking to expand PE teacher, Kelly Kelley’s role to include ELL support and literacy coaching. This would add 3 hours a week to her schedule.
- Lastly, the Staff would like to bring on a half-time Special Ed position to expand capacity and assist Exceptional Student Coordinator, Connie Logsdon, who has been coordinating Special Ed, GT, and RTI.
- Currently, enrollment is sitting about 25 students short of the goal. The budget will need adjusted once the final numbers come in on the October 1st count.

2. Tatonka Education

- Tatonka CEO, Carol Hansen, gave an overview of Tatonka Education and how they can partner with TPAAK to benefit both entities.
- Discussed renewal scenarios, contract durations, and fee structures.

- Reviewed changes that would be made to the original contract with Mosiaca and implications those changes would have.
- Tatonka would like to do an academic audit of TPAAK. This will be performed by Dr. Susan Korach, who will be serving as Tatonka's Academic Advisor. She will also be assisting the TPAAK Staff in the renewal process as she is in contact with the authorizer and can help compose responses to the renewal issues.
- Through Tatonka, TPAAK will have a license for Paragon for 5 years, however if there is any more development on it, we will have to pay for updates. Carol recommended TPAAK remove Paragon from the charter so the school is not tied to it. It could still be used, if we chose, but it wouldn't be required by the charter.
- CSI is phasing out Powerschool, this is the last year they will support it. TPAAK may want to consider other options.
- Tatonka is retiring the check printer system and going to an online bill pay system.

3. Charter Renewal Status

- In the next couple of weeks, communication needs to be sent out to TPAAK families to notify them of the upcoming renewal, potential outcomes, and changes that are being put in place due to renewal requirements. This communication should highlight the potential growth that could come out of the renewal process.
- A town hall meeting should be held for the TPAAK community to answer questions regarding the renewal process.

4. CEC

- The CEC/Tatonka meeting will be held tomorrow to clarify lease agreement details.

5. Policies and Procedures

- TPAAK Director, James Lewicki, has recommended the Board move to strictly an appointed Board. This would require the bylaws be amended to eliminate verbiage requiring the election of members.

III. BOARD ACTIONS

1. **Motion to:** Amend the current Board bylaws to eliminate any language referencing elections or reflecting protocol for elections

Motion by: President Gorski

President Gorski (Aye)

Director Kornfeld (Aye)

Director Manguso (Aye)

Seconded by: Treasurer Wager-Robertson

Treasurer Wager-Robertson (Aye)

Secretary Nyberg (Aye)

IV. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Motion to:** Enter executive session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (3) (a) (IV) Security Arrangements or Investigations

Motion by: President Gorski

President Gorski (Aye)

Director Kornfeld (Aye)

Director Manguso (Aye)

Seconded by: Treasurer Wager-Robertson

Treasurer Wager-Robertson (Aye)

Secretary Nyberg (Aye)

Executive Session Call to Order by President Gorski at 8:22pm

Executive Session Adjournment Motion made by President Gorski at 8:53pm

VI. CLOSING SECTION

Next regular meeting scheduled for October 14, 2015

Adjournment Motion made by President Gorski at 8:55pm