

Council Meeting

Agenda with Minutes – 9 June 2020

12:00 to 1:15 via Zoom

Zoom Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/99525315435>

Council Members Present: Tammy Clementi, Scott Laband, Dwight Jones

Staff Members Present: Mike Miles and Zach Craddock

- 12:00 – 12:15 Welcome-Brought to order at 12:08 by Dwight Jones
- Approval of agenda
 - Approval of Agenda: *all approve agenda*
 - Review of October minutes
 - Approval of Minutes: *motion by Laband, second by Clementi, all approve*
- 12:15 – 12:25 Review the work of the Council-Mr. Miles provided overview of the structure of the Council and overall responsibilities/powers. This included the nature of the relationship with TFS Board of Directors, funding associated with Innovation Initiatives, and a brief description of the dormant powers the Council holds.
- 12:25 – 12:55 Update on TFS network operations
- Status of schools-Mr. Miles provided a brief overview of each school in the Network that included size, location, grades served. Also discussed was mid-year NWEA MAP schools and that showed over one year's growth in five months. Enrollment numbers were reviewed and compared with anticipated funding goals.
 - Budget-Mr. Miles provided the Council with a report on the financial status of the Network. This included combining positions due to remote learning possibilities and the fact that this saved teacher's salaries. Also discussed was substitute savings due to E-Learning Model structure and the ability to provide lessons remotely. Outside organizations continue to provide grant funding and the Network received PPP funding. Financial outlook for 20-21 is good considering the school funding environment. Mr. Miles provided info on anticipated fund balance at each of the three schools. Fund balance estimates are healthy at this time and outlook is strong.

Possible teacher bonuses will be determined at a later time when more finance numbers are forthcoming. Also discussed was the cost of E-Learning and what grant funds could be used to help off-set the cost. Mr. Laband requested info on the Midland campus and student recruitment efforts there.

- *Personnel-Discussion of anticipated staffing allocations at the Network level.*
- *Facilities-Mr. Miles provided information on the student capacity of the schools, and the fact that AAL is maxed out space wise. Discussion took place on the purchased of the Blackhawk building and how this will increase capacity at AAL. Current social distancing rules do not allow us to hold all the students at AAL's original location every day.*
- *Instruction-Mr. Miles provided overview of the 4th Quarter E-Learning Model, anticipated 5th Quarter model, and re-opening of schools for Fall 2020.*
- *COVID response-Mr. Miles reviewed the TFS response to school closures and provided a detailed description of the TFS E-Learning Model. This overview included the instructional expectations of the TFS staff, student expectations, and how we adapted the plan over time and intend to use this model for Fall 2020. Discussion then focused on 5th Quarter and the logistical parameters and expectations around that. Mr. Miles shared intent that our focus in the Network is to be flexible to seamlessly move to meet parent's needs, health restrictions, and provide a high-quality instructional environment and model that is safe. A brief overview of the building structure for social distancing was covered.*

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Other items

- *Progress toward our vision*
 - *Reimagining Education-Mr. Miles provided the Council members with information on the TFS/Colorado Succeeds concept paper released in May. TFS will fundamentally change its operational choices/opportunities to meet the needs of all students and families. Online learning will continue, project-based learning, and community outreach for "specials" support will continue and grow across the Network.*
- *Electing another Council member-Mr. Miles requested that Council Members try and recruit a fifth member to serve. Mr. Laband proposed a process to do this with information on possible members. Possibly look at a member from Texas to represent the Midland school.*
- *Next Council Meeting-Next meeting will be confirmed at a later date, but possible month is October. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.*