
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF TUCSON COUNTRY DAY CHARTER SCHOOL OF MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

A public meeting of The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School was convened on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 9239 E. Wrightstown Road, Tucson, AZ 85715 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Present at the meeting were the following members of The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School:

Bill Iveson
Richard Cooper
Cindy Kappler
Don Lawhead
Adriana Pedroza

Quorum present? Yes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Bill Iveson

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Don Lawhead and seconded by Adriana Pedroza to adopt the minutes from the **10/12/10** school board meeting as presented.

Yes (5) No (0) Abstain (0)

SPA UPDATE

Presented by Mrs. Lori Owen, SPA Secretary

- Met the Student Council President, Stephen Walton
 - o STUCO is raising \$6000 for laptops to be available for students to check-out
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser earned \$13,000
- During the last SPA meeting several parents expressed concerns about a variety of issues.
 - o Spiral Universe
 - o Smarty Party
 - o Bullying
 - o Middle School Bathrooms

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Presented by Dr. Mark Saliba:

- Lauren Fieger, Middle School Spanish Teacher is on a 12 week Leave of Absence. A long-term Sub has been hired.
- Members of the Admin. Staff attended the State Charter Association Conference in Phoenix.
 - o There are now 530 Charter Schools in Arizona
 - o Richard Cooper was honored with being one of the top three School Leaders of the Year.
 - o It was announced that we will be receiving funds from the Federal Education Jobs Funding Act
- Dr. Saliba attended a Bullying Summit on November 13th. Five TCDS parents were there as well.
- Dr. Saliba conducted a Power Point Presentation on Bullying (A paper copy of the presentation is on file in the Administration Office.)
 - o Dr. Saliba read the Bullying Policy as written in the student handbook (A copy is on file in the Administration Office.)
 - o Dr. Saliba referred to a sheet listing the disciplinary referrals as of 11/16/10 (A copy is on file in the Administration Office.)
 - o Mr. and Mrs. Hubble spoke of their experience with a bullying incident involving their child and how it was dealt with by TCDS Administration.
 - A parent in attendance recommended that the students who brought this to the attention of administration be given some type of an "Above & Beyond Award".
 - Another parent commented that they feel that suspensions are not working and that the bullying continues when they return.
 - The piggy banks which middle school students use to communicate anonymously with teachers, were discussed by parents. They were concerned that students call their peers who use them "Squealers" and say "You're a pig". The Board responded by saying that they will address this concern.
 - o Mrs. Cindy Kappler discussed the Spiral Universe Online grading system and demonstrated a walk-through on the Smart Board to parents.
 - Invitations have been mailed to parents to sign-on and register.
- A Bullying Task Force is now in place.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 403b TIAA-CREF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

It was motioned by Don Lawhead and seconded by Richard Cooper to offer the special TIAA-CREF retirement option to our staff. (A copy of an informational paper is on file in the Administration Office.)

Yes (5) No (0) Abstain (0)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A 30-MINUTE PER DAY RECESS POLICY

After discussion about the current physical education and recess policy at TCDS and the opportunity for parents to give feedback on a legislative proposal to require 30 minutes of structured recess each day for all kinder through fifth grade students, it was motioned by Cindy Kappler and seconded by Richard Cooper to not adopt the legislative proposal and to continue with the current physical education/recess policy. (A copy of an informational paper is on file in the Administration Office.)

Yes (5) No (0) Abstain (0)

CALL TO PUBLIC

- #1 Parent comment: bullying concerns
- #2 Parent comment: bullying concerns
- #3 Parent comment: bullying concerns, thanked Ms Weinstein for helping her child
- #4 Teacher/Parent commented on students' "lack of respect"
- #5 Parent comment: bullying concerns
- #6 Parent comment: concerns about bullying, communication, online grading system, and Smarty Party.
- #7 Teacher comment: parent & teacher frustrations, submitted information for Board to consider (A copy is on file in the Administration Office.)
- #8 Parent comment: bullying concerns
- #9 Parent comment: bullying concerns
- #10 Parent comment: Achievement Breakfast
- # 11 Parent comment: very active in child's education, teachers care
- #12 Parent comment: bullying reference, stay strong in what's best for our children
- #13 Teacher comment: Teachers remain committed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

It was motioned by Don Lawhead and seconded by Richard Cooper to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Yes (5) No (0) Abstain (0)

Dated this 17th day of November, 2010

The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School

Minutes taken by Board Secretary, Stacey Love