

**La Tierra Community School
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes
Thursday, November 21, 2013**

**Present: Dan Boyce, Claire Louge, Russ Erickson, Brian McVickers, Kari Hull
Staff: Jennifer Roderick, Anna Barnum, Beth Cottle**

Meeting called to order – Dan Boyce 4:32pm

- I. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and approval of August 19th 2013 and September 19th, 2013, October 24th, 2013 Governing Board meeting minutes.
Motion by Russ Erickson
Seconded by Kari Hull
Vote: 5-0-0

- II. Community Celebrations and Presentations
Charlie Brown is a special friend to the first grade class. Students get to take him home over the weekend, take him on adventures, and take pictures with him similar to Flat Stanley.

- III. Community Forum/Participation: None

- IV. Board Member Round Table Introductions

Dan Boyce-Married, with 3 kids. Music major, taught public school music, financial advisory business. Co-owner of financial planning firm in Michigan.

Kari Hull-Owns an art business with husband Tim Hull; Operations Manager of Travel Quest; Founder and director of Children’s Peace Project.

Brian McVickers - parent of two La Tierra Community School students. Background in media relations and marketing. Media company focuses on worldwide adventure travel. Brian has agreed to step into chairman shoes at the first of next year.

Claire Louge - Came to Prescott as AmeriCorps Vista worker. She works with First Things First. BA Cornell in Human development.

Russ Erickson - Retired educator. Formally involved with Excel Education Centers, Tri-City Prep (assistant to principal) and Achieve Academy. Worked in education overseas for twenty-three years. Treasurer on board of Unitarian Universalist. Ov

Jennifer Roderick - Prescott 2 years. Started teaching music and physical education 12 or 13 years ago. She has taught 3rd grade, 5th and 6th grades. Very involved in sports, was a competitive swimmer. Recently joined Children’s Peace Project board of directors.

- V. Director’s Report (Jennifer Roderick)
 1. Tax Credit Drive includes updating the website and teachers sent packages home with students to ask parents to donate. Would like parents to spearhead the project in each classroom. It is a goal to build on tax credit donations every year. Brian

suggested that we have realistic expectations. Part of education program going forward would be to encourage monthly PayPal donations.

2. Enrolled three new students.
 3. Jennifer and Brian met and discussed the need to not only bring in new students but also to retain the students we currently have.
 4. Professional development of faculty includes Anna Barnum at an art education conference, Dawn Klaiber attended Common Core Math & Reading training, Elynn Colainni is attending an Expeditionary Learning training in Salt Lake City.
- VI. Old Business
1. Strategic Planning meeting Dec 6, 2013. 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
 2. Lease on School Building for 2014-2015 - Discussion and Possible Approval
Get the square footage of building we are in and the building next door. Determine if there are any other properties in the area for less money.
Attempt to negotiate leasing the two properties at \$8,000 per month.
Approval tabled.
- VI. Financial Report (Jennifer Roderick) - Discussion and Possible Approval
Tax credit need to bring in \$6500 just to break even.
We will be reviewing and developing marketing strategy.
AZCSP must be encumbered by January 31st 2014 and spent by March 31st 2014. We have \$84,000 remaining that has to be spent.
- VII. New Business-none
- VIII. General Announcements - none
- IX. Adjourn
Claire motioned to adjourn
Brian seconded
Vote:

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.