

## **Twin Rivers Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2023**

**Present:** Jeff Parker, Sara Gangaware, Ian Ramirez-Mostafa, Elizabeth Humphrey, David Knox, Casey Lonergan, Dennis Dover, Jeff Orlandini, Kristin Humphrey, Khadija Mostafa, Jesus Ramirez, Helen Haberman, Jay Breslow

Meeting called to order 4:31 PM

**Guest introductions-** Student panel, TRCS faculty, members of the public, and TRCS Board members

Two members of the public present.

**Public Comment:** No public comments

**Student Presentation:** David Knox introduced the project the students have been working on. Their goal was to think critically and present an idea on how to mitigate invasives at Log Jam Park. "An out of the box blueprint for restoration." Student presenters- Ian Ramirez-Mostafa and Elizabeth Humphrey. Presentation Title: Retreat to Restore. They proposed turning Log Jam into a corporate retreat site where businesses would pay to spend an amount of time team building and working to eradicate invasive species. They presented educational slides on what invasive species are affecting Log Jam, how they are removed and what tools are needed, a cost analysis on how much a retreat would cost for businesses, and what they would do if there were no longer invasives at Log Jam Park.

**Principal's Report:** Jay Breslow gives report. School improvement plans- We implemented our community school coordinator, Amber Zluticky who started in January 2023. Amber has become an important piece of the school and of the students' lives. With Amber's help TRCS has been working hard to implement community schooling initiatives, especially around mental health. TRCS partnered with HOOTS and the Oregon Healing Collective to provide mental health services in the school to students. OR Healing Collective sends therapists every Wednesday for weekly therapy, and HOOTS comes every Thursday/Friday to provide medical and mental health evaluations.

CTE programming: A grant was received in 2019/2020 to start up the CTE program. Unfortunately, due to COVID and staff turnover, the program never got the chance to get off the ground. However, Jay is working on initiating another 3 year start up plan. In the meantime, students still participate in a number of CTE-like activities including monthly trips into the field to connect their in-class learning with real-world experience. 4 students also participated in the Migrant Education Summer Program which is an Outdoor School that we co-facilitate in July. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year TRCS has participated.

Re-establishment of baseline data. Kristin Humphrey re-established 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students taking state testing. Studies show that if a student falls behind their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, they are typically unable to recover and graduate on time. Last year 10 out of 14 TRCS students left 9<sup>th</sup> grade on track to graduate. Last year 9 12<sup>th</sup> graders were enrolled during the totality of the school year. Of those, 7 received a diploma.

Growing enrollment in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades. This is one of the biggest successes in the last year at TRCS. Currently serving (5) 8<sup>th</sup> graders, (15) 9th graders, (18) 10th graders, (12) 11<sup>th</sup> graders, and (15) 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We enrolled 7 new students on 11/14/23, and we have a wait list! Enrollment is healthy.

**Q1 Board Report:** We have 9 returning faculty members. Our first graduate of the year, Nashya Andersen-Douglas, finished her credits and graduated at 16 years old! She is starting at Lane Community College in January. She came to TRCS in January of her junior year.

TRCS participated in 2 SPIKE trips in Q1. One to Loon Lake, the other at Middle Fork of the Willamette. Loon Lake was a work SPIKE, students spent 3 days building trail.

Regular attendance is sitting at 69%, which is above the state average of 62%. In comparison to other charter schools of similar size in the area, TRCS has the highest regular attendance rate.

**Advisory Board Candidates:** Liz Wigham, a member of the community and a parent of 2 TRCS graduates, is interested in joining the board. She provided a letter of interest available in the packet. Liz is very reliable and involved in the school. She was unable to make this meeting, we'll try for next time. Kristin Humphrey may know an alumni who would be interested in joining the board, Belle who graduated in 2021. Kristin will reach out to Belle.

**Finance Report:** Income statement shows net \$-85.00. This report does not show grant revenue. The biggest cost areas are staffing and vehicles. Forecasting forward we're on par for a \$875,000-\$900,00 budget which would be unprecedented.

**Approval of October meeting minutes:** Dennis motions and Jeff Orlandini seconds, Approved unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned 5:31 PM**

Respectfully Submitted;

Sara Gangaware for Jane Kammerzelt – TRCS Advisory Committee Secretary

Jane Kammerzelt, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Helen Haberman, President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_