

## **Northwest Youth Corps/Twin Rivers Charter School Joint Board Meeting**

**September 11, 2024, 4:55PM- 6:00PM**

**Present:** Helen Haberman, Jeff Orlandini, Dennis Dover, Tony Phifer, Erik Matisek, Steve Dubiel, Lee Taylor, Jeff Parker, Kristin Humphrey, Alexandria Young, David Knox, Casey Lonergan, Avery (?), Amber Zulticky

- Jeff P. kicked the meeting off at 4:55 PM. The agenda included approving minutes from the previous Twin Rivers Advisory Board meeting, this item was moved to the end of the meeting. There were no public comments or members present other than Twin Rivers staff. TRCS staff were introduced to the Board.
- The meeting focused on the importance of individual autonomy and creativity in teaching, emphasizing the strong staff and growing program at Twin Rivers. Teachers, Alexandria Young, David Knox, Casey Lonergan, and Community School Coordinator, Amber Zulticky, shared their experiences at Twin Rivers and why they've chosen to return. They highlighted the positive changes in the school's morale and community. Avery, the new AmeriCorps Intern, expressed their excitement about joining the Twin Rivers team. The conversation ended with a suggestion that Board members introduce themselves and share their backgrounds and connections to the organization.
- The group discussed the experience with student intake, emphasizing the importance of personal connections in motivating students and improving their academic performance. The teachers noted the rewarding experience of working with students who have a stewardship mindset and the high number of returning students. Lee Taylor asked about the self-selection process for students, and Kristin H. confirmed that all students choose to attend the school. The team also discussed the need for more vehicles to accommodate the growing student population and the school's goal of building a graduation pathway to post-secondary learning.
- The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 7<sup>th</sup> Advisory Board meeting and the April 10<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting. Jeff P also gave a brief overview of the history of Twin Rivers Charter School.
- The group moved into discussing the school's enrollment numbers, which have grown from 60 students at the start of the year to 68, with a waiting list of 6 students. It was mentioned that they are only enrolling students at the quarters now due to integration challenges. The team highlighted the school's strong family connections and upcoming events, including camping trips to Fall State Lighthouse and Prince Fish Lake. The challenges with younger students transitioning to high school and the importance of peer pressure in shaping students' behavior was acknowledged. The board expressed their admiration for the school's progress and culture.
- It was proposed to use the school improvement plan as an indicator of the school's progress. Kristin shared the plan's three goals: Increasing academic rigor, student engagement, and behavior. The school pilots a CTE program in Natural Resource Management, with staff training and pathways for seniors. The team emphasized measuring performance consistently and

ensuring students feel prepared for future paths. The plan for next year will be updated, focusing on unmet areas.

**Meeting Concluded at 6:00 PM**

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Sara Gangaware on behalf of Jane Kammerzelt.

Jane Kammerzelt, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
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Helen Haberman, President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
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