

## **Twin Rivers Advisory Board Meeting**

**October 8, 2024, 4:30 PM- 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Helen Haberman, Jeff Orlandini, Liz Wigham, Kristin Humphrey, Jeff Parker, Elizabeth Humphrey, Richard Kubishta, Belle Frie, Sara Gangaware

- Helen called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. There weren't enough Board members present to approve the meeting minutes from May, so that agenda item was pushed to the next meeting. There was no public comment.
- Kristin gave updates on what the school has been up to since it started up in early September. She noted staffing issues, including a lack of staff for SPIKE trips. However, by the first week of October the school will be fully staffed with AmeriCorps, and the addition of a new language arts teacher Abbi Snow. The students have been on two SPIKEs already and Kristin reported they enjoyed both trips.
- The group then moved into discussing the 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan. The improvement plan is a tool to identify areas for improvement and track progress on goals set. The plan is required to be submitted to the board and can be shared with parents and the public. Kristin described a few goals already set including increasing parent and family participation, increasing academic rigor, and creating pathways for post-secondary education.
- Kristin opened the floor for Board members and former students to discuss the 2024-2025 goals. Liz emphasized the importance of family involvement citing her experiences where active participation created a sense of community and understanding between home and school. The group suggested that increased family involvement could lead to more resources and opportunities for students including sharing talents with students. The group suggested a handful of potential events including a curriculum night, talent show, spaghetti feed fundraiser, and a family storytelling night.
- The group discussed pathways and transition goals for seniors entering post-secondary education. The first goal proposed was for seniors to have the opportunity to start community college classes while still in high school, with the aim of bridging the gap between the two institutions. The second goal was to improve the transition process between high school and community college. Liz suggested offering pathways to emergency medicine through Lane Community College, noting the emergency medical field is in huge need of EMTs. Jeff P. suggested adding a goal about enhancing the school's unique culture and activities like camping. Jeff O. reminisced about student-led/planned camping trips and fundraisers, and reviving those traditions could tie into family engagement goals.

- Helen discussed the importance of equity and inclusion in education, emphasizing the need for stated and serious goals to improve opportunities for different types of students. She suggested potential partnerships with LCC, such as offering certifications like Wildland Firefighting or emergency medical responder.
- The team suggested offering workshops to help students and families navigate post-graduation options. Jeff P. suggested involving students in the School Improvement Plan, particularly in setting goals around adventure and school culture. He also emphasized the need for quantifiable and countable outcomes. Kristin agreed to prepare a draft of potential goals for the next meeting.
- The group emphasized the importance of student input and understanding in driving the direction of their future. The group expressed their desire to see more student-driven initiatives and to help students reach their goals and dreams.

Meeting concluded at 5:30 PM

Meeting Minutes Prepared by: Sara Gangaware on behalf of-

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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