

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting February 9, 2026

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on February 2, 2026.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:41 p.m. The pledge to the flag was led by President Young.

Members Present: Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Jeff Perry, Carol Eldred, Carol Woodhouse

Members Excused: Korinne L'Hommedieu, Krysta Austen

Others present: Patty Dawson, Scott Anderson, Kim Bull, Community member Aaron Kinney, Nominating Committee Member Lydia Ardis Brown, Andrea Dawson

Community Comments: No comments

Approval of Minutes: The December 8, 2025 minutes were approved as presented by President Young with no objections.

School Report:

Executive Director Patty Dawson reported:

- Student numbers are steady at 102.
- January's attendance was improved. School has been hit with illness.
- School staff is the same. Need to replace a TA.
- There were no suspensions in January.
- Enrollment is open for the 2026-2027 school year. The intent to return forms have been sent home with current students,
- Early projection for the number of students for the 2026-2027 school year is 98.
- The Lottery for students will be held on April 14, 2026. The lottery might end up being for all grade levels.
- Trying to keep students active indoors due to the cold weather.
- Working to strengthen the curriculum in the lower grade levels.

Principal Scott Anderson reported:

- Last round of assessments completed through IReady diagnostics
- Reading is on grade level. Grades 1, 3, and 6 are over 50% typical growth. Grade 5 has the least growth.. 71% of students are below grade level,
- In math, five out of six grades are above 50% growth. 4th grade was at 74% and 5th grade was at 82%. Grade 2 showed no growth.
- There were less students on grade level than the first assessment.
- Mr. Anderson is still providing support for the 3rd grade classroom.
- Looking into adding a position (TA) for more academic support.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee - Jeff Perry reported.

- Notes from the meeting last week were emailed to all Board members.
- RTI is showing progress being made in ELA and Math.
- Discussion was held on the need for substitutes and the struggle to obtain them.
- Recharter for school - will support Patty and help the best we can. Would like to have a discussion with the Board about the re-charter including grades K-5. Sixth graders like to go back to their home school to fit into the junior high or middle school depending on the school district.

Financial Committee - Tom Brown reported.

- The notes from the meeting last week were emailed to all Board members.
- The committee has started working on the 2026-2027 budget.
- The treasurer's report was shared by email and reviewed.
- Reports are being streamlined to enable everyone to understand the financials better.

Operations Committee - Tom Brown reported.

- Notes were attached to the email sent to the Board.
- Action Item:
A motion was made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry to accept a donation of money from Victor Siegle to purchase three new laptops for the school. All in favor. Carried.
- Action Item
A motion was made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry to pay the Truxton Community Center for the service agreement of Syracuse Time & Alarm Company. All in favor. Carried.

All committee reports were approved by the President with no objections from the Board members.

Old Business

- Board Training - Patty has spoken to Bill Clark and he is willing to do an in person visit with the Board. With the Board's approval Patty will offer the amount of \$1,200 to \$1,600 as payment for Mr. Clark's services. The major focus of this training would be to prepare for the SUNY interview, by conducting a "mock interview" for Board members to become comfortable in answering questions smoothly. The date when Mr. Clark will be coming is yet to be determined.

New Business

- Lydia Ardis Brown spoke on behalf of the Nominating Committee to bring Aaron Kinney to the Board as a nominee to become a new Board member. Mr. Kinney has seven years experience as an educator and will also fulfill the role as a parent representative on the Board.
- Action Item:
A motion was made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Carol Woodhouse, to accept the nomination of Aaron Kinney to become a member of the Board of Trustees. All in favor. Carried.
Patty will submit the proper paperwork to SUNY to have Mr. Kinney join the Board.
- The Gala will be held on May 16 at Arlington Acres. Arlington Acres donates their venue to the school to hold the Gala. Lydia Ardis Brown will be contacting a potential band for the Gala.
- The on-site SUNY Evaluation for the annual review will be on April 15, 2026. Consider this the pre-cursor for the Recharter. Documents need to be submitted by March 20, 2026 and the pre-visit call will be on March 27, 2026.
- Both the Finance Committee and Academic Committee agree that the re-charter should be for grades K-5.

Community Events

- The events listed on the meeting agenda were reviewed.
- Maple Palooza will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026 here at the school.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Tom Brown at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Jeff Perry to enter into Executive Session to discuss the details of medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Executive Director Patty Dawson was invited to stay for the Executive Session. All in favor. Carried.

Public Session

Jeff Perry made the motion to return to public session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Carol Woodhouse.

Motion made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry, to hire Heather Collier as an Academic Counselor. All in favor. Carried.

Adjournment

Tom Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Jeff Perry.. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting of the Truxton Academy Charter School's Board of Trustees will be held on March 9, 2026 at the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dawson

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Recording Secretary
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Board of Trustees