

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting January 12, 2026

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on January 5, 2026.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:34 p.m. The pledge to the flag was led by President Young.

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

Members Excused: Korinne L'Hommedieu

Others present: Patty Dawson, Kim Bull, Community member Aaron Kinney and Andrea Dawson
Scott Anderson was excused

Community Comments: No comments

Approval of Minutes: The December 8, 2025 minutes had one change in the spelling of a new hire's name which was corrected prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented by President Young with no objections.

School Report:

Executive Director Patty Dawson reported:

- For the new year, there were changes over the break and a review with operational changes within the staff
- The third grade teacher is out on an extended leave.
- The Board sponsored a holiday party at the Hiawatha Inn for staff on January 8, 2026. Kim Bull thanked the Board on behalf of the staff.
- Enrollment is holding at 104 students. Attendance was down a little in December due to sickness
- Staff is at the same number. An old TA was replaced with a new TA. There will be an interview tomorrow for a long term substitute.
- There were no suspensions in December. In school suspensions have increased but they are being effective.

Patty reported for Principal Scott Anderson, who was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

- RTi completed. Students are being regrouped to better serve their needs.
- Scott has been covering third grade.
- IReady Diagnostics will be at the end of January.
- Overall students are moving in the right direction
- Continuing on student improvement
- Grateful for Patty and Raina always willing to help

Patty also reported that SUNY called for a pre-visit visit for the school's renewal in the spring. They will be looking at the academic data for the last three years - 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Even though the school is not heavily based on testing, the students do need to be prepared for the state test. SUNY reminded Patty that the school needs to tell their story, share data, show how students are growing and success with behavior and also show success in the students who didn't do well at their previous school.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee - Jeff Perry reported.

- The committee is reviewing whether Iready is the best fit for math. It is working fine for reading.

- Grades 4, 5 and 6 are low on grade level work.
- RTI going much better, with progress made.
- 3rd grade is receiving academic support with the TA team
- Data collection for IReady will be at the end of January
- Personnel - 3rd grade - need a long term substitute
- Recharter for school - will support Patty and help the best we can
- January 23, 2026 there will be a hot chocolate bar for the faculty and staff

Financial Committee - Tom Brown reported.

- There was no meeting this month.
- Tom reported that the budget for the 2026-2027 school year needs to be started.
- The treasurer's report was shared by email and reviewed.
- An email was sent by Tom to members of the Financial Committee and it was felt by the Executive Director and Board that the email be made part of this meeting's minutes. The email follows:

" Finance Committee:

I would like to evaluate the current structure of this committee to ensure it is effectively meeting the needs of the school and Board. We need to ensure we are operating at our best as we head into renewal. I'd like to address two main areas:

Meeting Schedule: If our current meeting time is no longer convenient, please let us know and we will find a time that fits everyone's schedule.

Committee Expertise: It would be highly beneficial to add members with strong financial background to the team. If you know of anyone with this expertise, please engage them and let me know.

Without our team's active engagement, the school will struggle."

Operations Committee - Tom Brown reported.

- Notes were attached to the email sent to the Board.
- There are leaks in the roof, but it will be addressed in the spring.
- An Erate vendor needs to be voted on at the next Board meeting.
- With heating oil prices down, the school would like to fill the tank now.
A motion was made by Krysta Austen to purchase heating oil now while prices are down, seconded by Jeff Perry. All in favor. Carried.
- A corrective action plan is in place to satisfy discrepancies with the Federal School Lunch Program.

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

Old Business

- Recharter - will be working on - due in August
- Board Training - would like to reach out to Bill Clark to see what his fee would be. The major focus of this training would be to prepare for the SUNY interview.
- The school has applied for a grant through the Kings Daughters organization. The money received will be used to buy rubber boots for the students so they will be able to go outside and work and not have wet feet. The boots will be cleaned and used for other years.

New Business

- Board member Perry knows a retired teacher, Susan Ceratani, who would be willing to help at the school as a mentor.
- Tom Brown will start looking into music for the Gala in May.

Community Events

- The events listed on the meeting agenda were reviewed.
- The Wellness Committee will meet Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. The meetings will be held quarterly, with every other meeting held in the evening.

- February 1, 2026 will be the opening date for applications for students wishing to attend the Truxton Academy Charter school in the 2026-2027 school year.
- February 11, 2026 will be the 100th day of school.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Krysta Austen at 7:30 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

Krysta Austen made a motion to return to public session at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Jeff Perry. All in favor. Carried. There was no other business conducted in public session.

Adjournment

Jeff Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Tom Brown. All in favor. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dawson

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Recording Secretary
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Board of Trustees