Truxton Academy Charter School
Regular Board Meeting March 24, 2025

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on March 3, 2025.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:32p.m.

Members Present: Stuart Young, Tom Brown, Carol Woodhouse, Korinne L'Hommedieu, Jeff Perry

Members Excused: None

Board Member Krysta Austen arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Others present: Scott Anderson, Patty Dawson, Kim Bull, Fred Whitmore, Andrea Dawson

Community Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting as presented. All in favor, approved.

School Report: Executive Direction Patty Dawson presented the report.

- Data dashboard is updated and may be viewed by the Board in the shared drive
- Current student enrollment is 83 students. Attendance averages 90% for all students.
- There have been no changes in staffing and there have been no discipline recommendations from the staff.
- There were two kindergarteners who left school in March. There will be an in person direct exit interview with the parents next week.

Head of School Scott Anderson reported that no new assessments have been done.

Maplepalooza was held at the school on Saturday, March 22, 2024. A direct mailing went out to homes in the area with school aged children. 117 breakfasts were served. The fourth grade students were set up in the gym with information on the start to finish of the maple syrup process and they did an excellent job. There were picture opportunities with a goat or chicken in the art room. One of the parents organized a scavenger hunt which took participants throughout the school to find their next clue.

Board Committee Reports:

Academic Committee Report
The Academic Committee met today, March 24, 2025. They discussed in depth the upcoming SUNY interview. Also worked on a clear sense of operations in order to help Mr. Anderson. Working on getting long term subs for the school.

Financial Committee: Korinne L'Hommedieu reported. Reports were attached to the meeting's agenda. Cash on hand is $492,000. There is $75,000 in the dissolution fund. At the April meeting, there will be a preview of the 2025-2026 budget. The Action Item for new hires will be moved to Executive Session.

Operations Committee - Jeff Perry and Tom Brown reported. The minutes of the committee's meeting were attached to this meeting's agenda. Discussion was held on the proposed bus rental agreement. The Board felt there needs to be a basic insurance policy in place for someone to rent the bus. There has been an inquiry if the school could provide their bus for shuttle service on August 2, 2025 for the John J. McGraw festivities. Patty will look into an insurance policy.

Board member Krysta Austen arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Old Business
The SUNY CSI Board interview will be held on April 3, 2025. Bill Clark would be available for a “mock interview” if the Board is interested. The Board requested that Patty contact Mr. Clark to see what his availability would be prior to the SUNY interview.

The State Comptroller’s Office audit is not final. There will be an exit interview at 11:30 a.m. on April 1, 2025 with Stuart and Patty.

The cans and bottles at the transfer station need to be cleaned up. Logan Austen has offered to help do this.

New Business
The Board reviewed the Nominating Committee’s recommendation for a prospective new Board of Trustees member. The Board had a discussion with the prospective member in attendance.

School/Community Events
Upcoming school and community events were listed on the Board’s agenda and were reviewed by Patty Dawson.

The Finance Committee will meet on April 14, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.
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Motion made by Tom Brown, seconded by Krysta Austen, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss 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 and have Executive Director Patty Dawson and Principal Scott Anderson included in Executive Session at 7:27p.m. All in favor. Carried.

Motion made to resume Public Session at 7:30 p.m.. Motion made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Carol Woodhouse. All in favor. Carried.

Motion made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Krysta Austen to retroactively approve the hire of two new substitute teachers, Shelby Maricle and Julie Knowles effective January 2, 2025. All in favor. Carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dawson
Recording Secretary