

Northwest Youth Corps – Twin Rivers Public Charter School

Advisory Board Member Description

Mission: Northwest Youth Corp’s core purpose is to help youth and young adults learn, grow and experience success.

The Twin Rivers Charter School

Northwest Youth Corps’ (NYC) Twin Rivers Charter School (TRCS) is an accredited charter high school within the Eugene 4J School District. TRCS is comprised of students 8th through 12th grade, who learn best in an experiential format and who may have had difficulty succeeding in a traditional school environment. TRCS uses a cooperative, team-based format, in which staff engages students in hands-on learning that combines classroom instruction with the completion of conservation projects, field study assignments, and outdoor recreation activities. Students spend equal amounts of time in and out of the classroom. School curricula include science, math, language arts and social studies with an emphasis on resource management, conservation and environmental studies. Students earn high school credit toward a traditional diploma.

Advisory Board Member Description

The Advisory Board supports the work of staff and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance pursuant to authorization by the Northwest Youth Corps Board of Directors. While day-to-day operations are led by NYC’s Executive Director and TRCS’s Principal, their collaboration with the Advisory Board is both critical and expected. Specific Advisory Board Member duties include:

- Serving as a trusted advisor to the Principal as she/he develops and implements TRCS’s school improvement plan, with specific attention to attendance and graduation rates, enrollment, student retention, and academic achievement.
- Acting as a liaison between the NYC Board of Directors and the TRCS community.
- Reviewing agenda and supporting materials prior to meetings.
- Representing and being a spokesperson for TRCS to the greater Eugene/Springfield community.
- Approving TRCS’s annual budget for NYC Board consideration, reviewing audit reports, helping develop policies, and supporting compliance with district and governmental rules, regulations and statutes that govern the school.
- Serving on committees or task forces relative to TRCS and taking on special assignments as needed.
- Ensuring TRCS’s commitment to a diverse board and staff that is representative of the surrounding community.

Qualifications

TRCS seeks Advisory Board Members who possess:

- A deep commitment to the NYC mission.
- Professional experience in education, government, philanthropy, or the non-profit sector.
- Experience in collaborations and consensus building.
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of TRCS students.

Conditions

The TRCS Advisory Board is comprised of three (3) Members of the Northwest Youth Corps’ Board of Directors, three (3) Members of the general public, and the Executive Director (ex-officio). All Advisory Board Members share the duties listed above. General public and ex-officio Advisory Board Members do not have voting rights for purposes of governance of TRCS or Northwest Youth Corps.

Terms

TRCS Advisory Board Members will serve one year terms.

Advisory Board Members must be approved by the Northwest Youth Corps Board of Directors.

Advisory Board Member meetings take place monthly, from September to June. Meetings every other month are a joint meeting of the TRCS Advisory Board and the Northwest Youth Corps Board of Directors.

To Apply:

Please submit a letter of interest to Jeff Parker, Executive Director – jeffp@nwyouthcorps.org; 2621 Augusta Street, Eugene OR, 97403. Please include information on your relevant background, skills, and abilities, as well as your motivation for serving as a voluntary Advisory Board Member in your letter.