

Northwest Youth Corps
Twin Rivers Charter School Advisory Board
Minutes
May 12th, 2021

Present: Jay Breslow, Dennis Dover, Helen Haberman, Jane Kammerzelt, Jeff Parker Tony Phifer, Jeff Orlandini

Also present: Elly Wells, AmeriCorp staff member

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Jeff Orlandini

The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion carried by Dennis and seconded by Tony with one correction: the spelling of Stacy's last name was made to Safty, from Safly.

There was no public comment as no members of the public were present


The Student Panel reported in virtually from the location in the McKenzie River watershed area where they are on a 3 week academic spike. Elly guided the conversation with the students reporting their "roses" and "thorns", which were their impressions of the positive and negative aspects of this experience. 6 students shared, on camera, their thoughts which ranged from a negative of smelly feet to each reporting the positives being the community building aspect of the experience. Two AmeriCorps staff members weighed in and also indicated the best part was getting to work with the students more closely, each noting the challenges of working out the details since this was the first time TRCS had done something such as this. The overall communication was that this was a worthwhile experience and had many benefits for academic as well and personal growth learning.


The Principal's report by Jay Breslow indicated the last unit of the school year started that week.

The Board reviewed a draft Letter to the 4J School Board regarding the assignment of the Special Education Instructor. 4J has assigned a different instructor each of the years TRCS has had one and, while the staff is grateful for the support, they feel it would be more meaningful to have continuity from year to year with the same instructor. This way, progress made can be continued throughout the students' time at the school.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Kammerzelt, Secretary  June 1, 2021

Jeff Orlandini, President  Date 6/9/21