

Northwest Youth Corps
Twin Rivers Charter School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021

Present: Dennis Dover, Helen Haberman, Jane Kammerzelt, Jude McHugh, Kelley Moriarty, Jeff Orlandini, Jeff Parker, Jay Breslow
Also: Maddie Kaufman

4:33 pm Meeting called to order by Jeff Orlandini

Minutes unanimously approved for September 2021 with a motion carrier by Jane and seconded by Helen.

Public Comment: None

Student Panel: Maddie Kaufman who is on the Blue Crew talked about what she perceived the positive aspects of the school (feels the staff shows a lot more respect for the students than where she came from) to the things that could be better (better communication on schedules at the beginning of the year). She said she enjoys the hands on, outdoor based learning and she appreciates the competency of the instructional staff. "Ms. Humphrey is the best math teacher ever".

Introduction of Kelley Moriarty as a new Advisory Board member. Kelley has 27 years' experience in the 4J Special Education division as an Assistive Technology Specialist and is on the Northwest Youth Corps Board of Directors.

Principal Report: There are 49 enrolled students including the projected graduation class of 6 this year. Most of the students are Red and Orange crews, 8th, 9th & 10th grade. One student announced they had COVID and the protocols that were instituted prevented this from becoming a problem. This person was not in contact with other students and took the required quarantine period.

TRCS has received funding from several sources to expand the community school coordinator position for 2 more years. This will greatly benefit families of the students at TRCS for access to social services, as well as mental and emotional supports. In addition, the educational credit recovery spike program will be funded again for two more years.

The Director Update – the Charter renewal process is underway and this time the application is for 5 years. The deadline is October 31 to get the application to the 4J School District office where it will go before the Board for consideration. Public comment will be needed prior to the Board meeting where this will be decided (date unknown at this writing) and NYC staff will advise when and how that can be done by the families and other supportive parties.

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Report from the field is, on the first camping trip in 2 years, another spike starts next week doing work above Hills Creek Reservoir. The academic content will be derived through stream surveys, owl surveys and bigfoot hunting activities.

Other business: none

Meeting adjourned at 5:31

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jane Kammerzelt, Secretary Jane Kammerzelt October 19, 2021

Jeff Orlandini, President _____ Date _____