

**Northwest Youth Corps
Twin Rivers Charter School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 11th, 2020
4:30 – 5:00 PM**

Present: Dennis Dover, Helen Haberman, Greg Williams

Also Present: Jay Breslow, Tony Phifer, Jeff Parker ex-Officio

1. Meeting brought to order at 4:35 by Jeff Parker, Ex Officio
2. Student Panel: Diego Lowery and Logan Kessler

Discussion of likes and dislikes of the school. Both students are seniors and looking forward to what is next – getting a job and LCC. Advisory Board Members discussed strategies for connecting them to post graduation options.

Advisory Board viewed recent news story on KVAL. Diego and Logan both described their positive experiences at Log Jam Park. Students shared their excitement in being part of a generational project for the school.

3. Public Comment - No members of the public present
4. Principal Report and Discussion:

The Advisory Board discussed the financial challenges created by the low enrollment. The 2019-2020 school year budget was built with an enrollment expectation of 54 students. The year began with 45 students and the school did not benefit from the late fall enrollment bump that it has in past years. Current enrollment has dwindled to 30 students. This is expected to leave a debt burden on NYC that is close to \$200,000 for the year.

Jay noted that all charter and alternative providers are experiencing low enrollment this year. Jay shared that he is spending significant time doing recruitment visits to middle schools in the hopes of getting students in their 8th and 9th grade years.

Advisory Board began a brainstorm on possible strategies to help reduce the financial shortfalls. Ideas included:

- New messaging for recruitment effort
- RIF for teaching staff
- Increase in philanthropy and foundation support
- Develop summer school option
- Partnering with another Charter School
- Focusing recruitment on rural schools
- Providing more transportation options to and from our campus
- Adjusting Charter to accept 6th and 7th graders
- Requesting more funding from the District

The Advisory Board ended the discussion by formally requesting a corrective action plan on the financial situation from Jeff and Jay.

5. Approve Minutes from February meeting – Motion by Greg Williams, seconded by Dennis Dover. Motion carried unanimously

6. Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Jeff Parker for Jane Kammerzelt, Secretary

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Jeff Orlandini, President, _____, on April 7th, 2020