

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Tolbert Charter Academy School Board

Date: November 21, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m. ZoomOnline

Board members

**Mark Tolbert, President | Blaine Clark, Treasurer | Linda Edgely, Secretary |
Tujuania Scott, Board Member | Aldon Jones, Board Member | Troy Nash, Board
Member | Trevor Hughes, Board Member**

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Bishop Mark Tolbert, Board President. Board members present at the meeting were:

- Bishop Mark Tolbert
- Linda Edgely
- Troy Nash
- Blaine Clark
- Aldon Jones

Absent:

- Trevor Hughes
- TuJuanita Scott

Guest:

- Sheila Starks, LATCA Superintendent's Admin.

- **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Linda Edgely to accept the October 17, 2022 board meeting minutes.

The motion was seconded by Troy Nash.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Approval of Bills**

A motion was made by Blaine Clark to approve the monthly bills for payment. The motion was seconded by Linda Edgely.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Superintendent's Report- Dr. Mitchell (report emailed)**

- Our first round of Evaluate Data is in and has been analyzed. (see below) As a reminder, this data represents our growth from the SEPTEMBER test. In Evaluate, we measure growth as the test given in September is given again in November, then in January, and then again in March.
- Grade Level Math ELA
K grew 10 Grew 17
1 Grew 12 Grew 5

2 Grew 14 Regressed 3
 3 Grew 8 Grew 2
 4 Grew 10 Stayed the same
 5 Grew 7 Grew 5
 6 Grew 9 Grew 3
 7 Grew 8 Grew 1
 8 Grew 16 Grew 13

- *Plans have already been put in place at the 2nd grade ELA level to address the dip including strategizing the focus instructional strategies.
- *As a reminder the growth is a percentage of growth from the initial scoring. Many of our students are still scoring in the Below Basic and Basic categories but it is positive to note that their growth indicates they are moving closer to proficiency from where they were.
- *This growth trend also represents that our MPI scores are moving in the right direction which is the actual number that the state will look at to determine our growth and renewal status.
- *The blocks of color coding for the grades in the charts above have no meaning. I distinguished each 3 grade levels as a separate instructional coach works with that block of grades.
- On Friday, November 11, I had the opportunity to represent LATCA at the BLOC (Black Leaders of Change) in conjunction with the Amplify Conference for Urban Education.
- We met for an hour at Grandview Middle School. We toured their building and observed instruction and shared ideas of instructional innovation for students of color.
- We also listened to student voices about how they feel about education today.
- We have posted our vacancy for building principal on MoReap as well as other social media sites. The window to apply will be closed November 25, 2022 and we plan to begin interviews on November 28, 2022. Our target goal is to have a recommendation to our BOE by our December meetings. We have received several applications and the deadline is November 25, 2022. We have sought staff for their input and are doing the same with parents and community.

● NOVEMBER ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Grade	Teacher	Teacher	Total
Kinder	Johnson	– 21	Taylor – 17 38
1	Mason	– 20	Witt – 20 40
2	Edwards	– 20	Byrd – 18 38
3	Gilmore	– 18	Douglass – 18 36
4	Copes	– 24	Munday – 24 48
5	Spencer	– 15	Garlington – 18 33
6	Nash	– 17	Turner – 17 34
7	Parks	– 20	Crawford – 19 39
8	Neal	– 15	Adams – 14 29
PRE K		19	19
TOTAL			354

- **We are receiving multiple inquiries from families of Bishop Hogan School system.

● **Principal's Report (report emailed)**

Here are some highlights from the coaches of what is happening on each floor:

Mr. Bryant

Academic Data:

- The middle school overall is ahead of where it was on the Evaluate test this time last year.
 - 6th grade math went from 21% last November to 27% this November. 6th grade ELA went from 35% last November to 40% this November. 6th graders are getting really Proficient at writing an argumentative essay with scholarly support. They recently visited the 8th grade ELA class to watch a socratic seminar of 8th graders.
 - 7th grade math went from 15% last November to 18% this November. 7th grade ELA, however, did drop from 49% last November to 38% this November.
 - Our 8th grade group this year is STELLAR! They went from 18% last November to 38% this November! And in ELA they went from 57% last November to 63% this November. They are rocking the socratic seminars in ELA!

MAP Goals and Projections:

- Based on current data, the middle school team made projections specific to each student for this year's MAP test.
- **MATH:** Based on these projections, we believe that 27% of middle school students will fall into Below Basic and 26% will be Proficient or Advanced.
- **ELA:** Based on these projections, we believe that 24% of middle school students will fall into Below Basic and 34% will be Proficient or Advanced.
- **Science:** (8th grade only) Based on these projections, we believe that 21% of 8th graders will fall into Below Basic and 29% will fall into Proficient or Advanced.
- **The middle school will achieve ALL of its academic schoolwide goals if these projections prove to be accurate.**

General Schoolwide Happenings:

- LATCA students recently voted for student body President and Vice-President. Our voter turnout was 49%. 8th grader My'iona Wilson is the President and 8th grader Markayla Gilkey-Short is the Vice-President.
- The VP will be leading a new program called the Student Discipline Appeal Process in which a student who receives ISS or OSS can appeal. They will have two days and up to one witness to prepare their case. Three members of Student Council can (a) uphold the punishment, (b) change the consequences of the punishment, or (c) drop the punishment altogether.
- Middle school has attended field trips to BizTown and Science City. Next, they hope to find a field trip that focuses on ELA and Social Studies.

Ms. Meeks

- 3rd Grade has been practicing speaking and writing skills through their Animal Classification projects. They planned the Science/ELA integrated project by aligning with their ELA Topics, to also put reading foundational skills into practice.
- 4th Grade has been digging into math with lots of songs, chants, and dance moves. With their scores on the rise, it's clear these things help out our students.
- 5th Grade has begun their Ancient Civilization unit in ELA where they will end the Reading Unit by creating pottery from the Mayan, Aztec, and Inca cultures. Research on the Mayan Union Station Exhibition is underway as well as a field trip option.

Ms. White

- K-2 grew in Math, teachers have shifted the RTI focus to ELA/Foundational Reading skills
- Second grade teachers were recognized during a Zoom call with eSpark about their awesome usage and student mastery levels.
- Kindergarten attended the Charlie Brown play at the Coterie Theatre and received many compliments while representing LATCA.
- First grade is wrapping up their Human Body unit. They have been practicing the main idea and details to study different body systems.

- **Items for Discussion**

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-Will be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Board Committee Reports**

Student Performance Committee- Dr. Donnie Mitchell - No report

Board Governance Committee- Dr. Donnie Mitchell - No Report

- **Financial Report- Blaine Clark**

A motion was made by Troy Nash to accept and receive that financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Aldon Jones.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

- **Next Meeting Date & Location: December 19, 2022 (7:00 pm)**

Location: Piropos Briarcliff

4141 N. Mulberry Dr.

Kansas City, MO 64116

- **Adjournment**

Blaine Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Troy Nash.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Ashley Walker, HR Assistant