



# Twin Ridges Home Study Charter School Board of Directors

## Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** February 4, 2021 at 3:30 pm

Due to the Governor's COVID-19 directive for the State of California, the December TRHS Board of Directors meeting will be held via video conference.

Topic: Board Meeting 2/4

Time: Feb 4, 2021 03:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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### A. Call to Order by Marieke Furness, Board Chair, at 3:39

#### 1. Roll Call: Quorum of

##### Board of Directors:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Present
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Present
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Present
Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Present
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent

##### Advisors to the Board:

Jennifer Dearduff, Director	Present
Desiree Miller, Business Technician	Present
Nicole Raglin, Secretary	Absent

**2. Guests Welcomed:**

**3. Public Comment:**

(Recognition of members of the audience wishing to address an agenda item may do so at this time or at the time the agenda item is heard. After being recognized by the Board chair, please identify yourself. Members of the public may at this time make brief comments regarding items not on the agenda, although no action may be taken.)

**B. Does the Board Approve the Consent Agenda?**

- **Adoption of the February 4, 2021 Meeting Agenda**
- **Approve of the January 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes**
- **Approve of Board Report - Financials - Warrants (01/01/20 to 01/31/2020)**

Move to Approve     Marieke Furnee     Second     Jalana Smith

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved
Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent

Yes     4     No     0     Abstained     0     Approved

**C. Action Items**

1. Does the board approve of the 2020-2021 Safety Plan?

There was only one change at the very end. A PSPS section was added for power outage, and that school will be closed. We have always had advanced notification thus far.

Move to approve: Charles Antouri     Second: Jalana Smith

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved

Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent

Yes      4    No      0    Abstained      0      Approved

2. Does the board approve of the of COVID-19 Prevention Plan?

The Plan would look different if we have reopened enrichment. Currently the focus is on staff and visitors. This plan is required by the state to be on our website by February first. Jalana Smith is wondering if this plan will change when students go back and are we ready to update it? At the Nevada City site we cannot keep children apart because of our lack of space to safely distance by 6 feet.

Covid 19 vaccine was offered last week to all employees. If someone has symptoms there is access to testing. The testing is provided through the Nevada County Office of Education at a testing center off of Brunswick to give access to swift testing to employees and the results are quick.

Charles Antouri as a non infectious disease expert made a statement regarding Appendix A and wants to be on the record stating that the tests do not tell you what virus you have. "The criteria does not hold up to scrutiny."

The testing can be accessed by an employee if someone has been exposed and does not exhibit symptoms.

Move to approve: Marieke Furnee                      Second: Jalana Smith

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved
Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent

Yes      4    No      0    Abstained      0      Approved

3. Does the board approve of Resolution #2021-01-129: Authorization to Approve CalSTRS Employer Pick-Up of Member Contributions (EMPC)?

The resolution changes from the County making contributions, to Twin Ridges as the

authorizer of the deposit into the accounts. The amounts are not changing.

Move to approve: Jalana Smith                      Second: Joy Beresky

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved
Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent
Yes      4    No      0    Abstained    0    Approved	

4. Does the board approve of COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist?

Move to approve: Marieke Furnee                      Second: Jalana Smith

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved
Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent
Yes      4    No      0    Abstained    0    Approved	

5. Does the board approve of Resolution #2021-01-130: Authorization for CalSTRS Pre-Tax Deductions for Voluntary Receivable?

This resolution credits the employees' accounts. This is shifting from the County making the deposits to Twin Ridges being the authorizer.

Move to approve: Charles Furnee                      Second: Jalana Smith

Roll Call:

Marieke Furnee, Chair/Parent	Approved
Steve Hillis, Vice-Chair/Teacher	Absent
_____ Charles Antouri, Parent	Approved
Joy Beresky, Teacher	Approved

Vanessa Kulgoski, Parent	Absent
Jalana Smith, Parent	Approved
Jennifer Wynne, Parent	Absent
Yes	4
No	0
Abstained	0
Approved	0

**D. Discussion (Discussion items are not actionable):**

- How can we help parents teach math?  
Per the accountability report our math numbers were not strong. Are all the parents confident enough to teach math? Do we have enough support? CASP scores have increased, but they are still overall low. We have added Prodigy Math, a computer based math game, tutoring is available, and the SST process has been beefed up. Is there any way to get scores from other schools to see where we fall compared to other schools. Jennifer Dearduff will check into it. There is a concern that testing is not an actual gauge of skill level, but influenced by a student's ability to take a test.
- Teachers/Parents reporting about learning.  
Some families do online learning regularly, some opt out of online learning, and since COVID families have adopted online learning. Some families are tired of zoom classes. Families seem to be doing more learning with more time at home. Jalana Smith was reluctant to do Zoom Enrichment but her son really enjoyed the class that he did initially, and now he Zooms more regularly to have a more normalized interaction with others.
- How are we engaging older students in reading? A Book Club.  
Tabled because this point was brought up by Jennifer Wynne who is absent.

**E. Program Sharing & Reports:**

1. Director's Report

- SARC, COVID Protection Plan and guidance checklist all need to be on our website by February 1st. Our website went down at the end of January. Brenda and Gary have been trying to figure out the problems altered by Joy Beresky. The website is functioning, but documents are not staying up on the website. R & D communications is in the process of trying to troubleshoot why our documents are not staying up. They will evaluate the website as well.

- Vaccine clinic was held for Nevada County Employees, not including substitutes or student teachers. Enrichments teachers, teaching staff, and office staff were eligible. The clinic was 3 days at NU.
- State Testing is going to happen. CASP window is March-May. Both in person and remote testing will be available. In person will have a proctor available to administer the test. Lindsay Hildebrant is our testing coordinator.
- Desiree Miller is doing the CDO training 4 hours a week for 4 months. It covers budget, LCAP, and forms involved in the Business Officer Position. Desiree Miller is taking this step that will long term help the school gain autonomy over school governance.

2. Board Report

- Open

**F. Comments and concerns for future meetings?**

**Open Session Adjourned at 4:57**

**Next Meeting Date:**

March 4, 2021, 3:30 PM at 111 New Mohawk Rd., Nevada City, CA 95959

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