

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors

The Experiential School of Greensboro

Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

5:30pm

Virtual/Zoom [Join Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690

Present: Leila Villaverde, Carl Lashley, India Goodwin, Max Negin, Joanna Lower, Roy Carter, Fred Adams, David Jarmon, Jessica Glenn, Beth Meyer

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda and the May minutes. Carl Lashley motioned, Joanna Lower seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Administrative Team

David Jarmon, Executive Director, reported TESS was preparing for the end of year and next school year. They were interviewing to fill open positions for the 25-26 school year.

End of Year Activities:

- David Jarmon shared that the 2024-2025 edition of the school yearbook was received and distributed to students. The students loved the yearbook, evidenced by many of them asking teachers and their peers to sign them. Additionally, we were able to distribute TESS t-shirts to students and staff. Many showed off TESS pride by wearing TESS shirts on the last day of school!
- The 7/8 dance was held on Friday, May 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Many of the students attended the event. This is a celebratory event held each year. The students were well behaved and had a blast! This year, several teachers in addition to the 7-8 teachers attended and dressed in the theme to support the event.
- The 8th grade celebration was held on Wednesday, June 4th at the Bennett College Global Learning Center. We've had an on-going partnership with Bennett College for the past 2 years. The event featured two students who shared their experiences while here at TESS. We recognized students who spent their entire elementary and middle school years here at TESS. Each 8th grade student received a TESS t-shirt and a book entitled, Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes and Anecdotes from A to Z.

NCDPI Teacher Invitation:

Mr. Morrison has been invited to participate in the upcoming NCDPI Standard Setting for Science workshop. He will work with other educators across the state to recommend new cut scores (passing scores) for the state's science assessments. This event is being held Monday, July 14

and Tuesday, July 15 in Raleigh from 830 - 5:00 each day. He will receive PD CEUs and a daily honorarium.

EOG / EOC Testing:

We began EOG and EOC testing on Friday, May 23rd. On Tuesday, May 27th, we had to cancel testing due to the testing platform going down for about 45 minutes. We were able to reschedule the tests for that day and complete testing throughout the week with no misadministration. We were able to test 100% of our students in grades 3-8.

Beth Meyer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reported plans to prepare for the 25-26 school year.

- This summer she plans to contact other charter schools to see what evaluation instruments they use to provide feedback. As a charter school we have flexibility in the way we evaluate teachers and the Administrative team feels strongly that we would like to be able to develop an evaluation system that aligns/reflects the pillars/philosophy of TESS. We hope to begin the planning process this summer and spend the 2025-2026 school year fine tuning with an anticipated roll out for the 2026-2027 school year.
- PLC mapping has begun and Dr. Meyer will have a scope and sequence for the year available at the next Board of Directors meeting. This will be a flexible document, allowing room for adjustments to fit the needs of the staff as they arise.
- Teachers have expressed an interest in more vertical planning as well as planning between Artists and Houses. We are looking to schedule a set time monthly where this can occur after school.
- Several mentors have registered to participate in the mentor training offered by NCDPI this summer. We are excited to see what Mr. Morrison and Mrs. Smith bring back and how it informs their work with the beginning teachers.

Carl Lashley offered to get teacher assessments from states. Joanna Lower asked if workdays were used for vertical planning and collaboration with artists. Beth Meyer concurred.

Jessica Glenn, Director of Operations and Student Services reported:

- Current enrollment is 168.
- Fiscal Year 2025 will be closed out by June 20, 2025.
- The HVAC repairs started again yesterday, Monday, June 9. This will take several weeks.
- There is a Summer Camp at TESS this summer. There are 2 sessions that will run.
- Record requests have already been coming in. We will continue to send the records requested as they come in for students promoted and withdrawing.
- Records requests are being sent the week of June 9 for students transferring into TESS. This will continue as more students enter the lottery and get accepted.
- The janitorial team will start completing some deep cleaning of the building the week starting June 16. Once a repair list is generated, we will get pricing on completion of these items and start getting things ready for the 2025-26 school year.
- We are now operating on summer hours which are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm.

- A State Lunch representative came and spent the day watching our lunch process and going over mandated documents. We are still awaiting the report.

Exceptional Children:

- Jessica Glenn provided an update on EC compliance. She noted that one student is out of compliance due to assessments needed to determine eligibility for school age and adding PT. The plan is to do this over the summer and hold the meeting. All other students are in compliance through 10/1/25.
- The plan next year is to have 2 EC Case Managers, one for K-4 and one for 5-8. We will also utilize an EC TA and the 5-8 TA for small group pull out instruction and data tracking.

Leila Villaverde shared that enrollment for the 25-26 school year was 152 and we are aiming for 200. There was discussion on recruitment ideas. Jessica Glenn indicated she would post flyers at public libraries. Joanna Lower suggested first Friday representation and advertising at the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Max Negin suggested having information at Safety-Town. India Godwin indicated she could make buttons and Jessica Glenn suggested bracelets to give out. Jessica Glenn indicated she would follow up with these ideas.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. NSLP partner contract review and approval.

Leila Villaverde shared that when we had our state nutrition visit, and our nutrition partners did not prepare us for the visit as they should have. The food part was fine, but the paperwork was lacking, and they were unresponsive and funds to be transferred are still pending. Leila Villaverde reached out to another company and learned more about their program and provided a contract for board approval. The costs are more but, the program covers their costs. Self-paying or reimbursed, it would cover their services, and they are full service. They will visit and interface with the state and prepare the paperwork. Once lunch is smoothly running, we can look into offering breakfast. Joanna Lower offered that if we had breakfast at 8:00 am, there would be incentive to get to school on time and reduce tardies. Joanna Lower motioned to approve the contract of the new nutrition program, Carl Lashley seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Leila Villaverde called for a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

Roy Carter motioned to go into closed session for the reasons stated, Fred Adams seconded and all were in favor. We entered closed session at 5:59 pm and returned to open session at 6:40 pm.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Fred Adams seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 6:41 pm.