



TNW Board Meeting Minutes
November 11th, 2019 5:00 PM
[MSD November Board Meeting Agenda](#)

“If a child can’t learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.”

-Ignacio Estrada

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The current meeting agenda items are listed below. If you would like to bring an issue before the board please attend this meeting or a future meeting.

- 1) Meeting Called to Order**
- 2) Announce the recording of the meeting**
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4) Mission Statement:**

TEACH-NW (Transforming Educational Access in Communities and Homes in the Northwest) is a K-12 Virtual STEAM and Homeschool Academy whose mission is to provide equitable, authentic, and rigorous learning opportunities that equip graduates with the necessary skills to compete in today’s global workforce.

- 5) Welcome and Introduction of guests**

TNW Board members present for tonight’s board meeting: Mike Deeds, Kara Lester, Sara Staton and Shawna Blankenship.

No guests present at this board meeting.

6) **Consent Agenda ***

Approval of [October Board Meeting Minutes*](#)

Approval of [October TNW Financials*](#) [October TNW Check Register*](#)

Kara Lester made a motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes, October TNW Financials and October TNW Check Register. Sara Staton seconded the motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes, October TNW Financials and October TNW Check Register. The vote to approve was unanimous.

7) **Petitions and Requests:** None at this time

8) **Public Forum:** People may address the Board about any topic relevant to the District. Each speaker is limited to three minutes per board meeting within the 20 minutes allotted for Petitions and Requests. We ask speakers to remember that Oregon law prohibits the Board from discussing specific employees or students or their performance. Speakers will state their full name and the topic of comment.

9) **New Business**

10) **Committee Reports**

a) None at this Time

11) **Administrative Report**

a) **Applegate Community**

Phil Johnson shared information about the Applegate Community. TNW will be going to visit the Applegate Community in November to talk with them about potential development of expansion with TNW.

b) State Testing

Phil Johnson shared information about TNW state testing. TNW state testing will take place in Eugene at LCC, in Beaverton at Village Home and in Albany. TNW is currently working to reserve space at the Albany Library to proctor state testing there for Albany/Salem TNW students.

[Beaverton Site](#)

Welcome Hillsboro, Beaverton, Portland, Wood Village and North Plains families!

Your child's testing location will be in Beaverton at Village Home at **5150 SW Watson, Beaverton, OR 97005.**

Testing dates for the **ELA CAT** in Beaverton:

- Monday, **April 6th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **ELA PT** in Beaverton:

- Friday, **April 10th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **MATH CAT** in Beaverton:

- Monday, **April 13th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **MATH PT** in Beaverton:

- Friday, **April 17th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[Eugene](#)

Welcome Cottage Grove, Eugene/Springfield and Junction City families.

Your child's testing location will be in Eugene at Lane Community College (LCC) at **4000 E 30th Ave, Building 1, Room 222, Eugene, OR 97405.**

Testing dates for the **ELA CAT** at LCC:

- Monday, **April 6th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **ELA PT** at LCC:

- Thursday, **April 9th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **MATH CAT** at LCC:

- Monday, **April 13th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Testing dates for the **MATH PT** at LCC:

- Thursday, **April 16th** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We're still working on a **Salem or Albany** site.

c) **Student ID's**



It's been a long time coming but we finally have the capability to produce student Identification Cards. This year's cards will look like the sample below but will also include a student picture. The picture can be one that is generated from LifeTouch if you opt to participate in School Picture Day or we can use a picture that you take and email to us. For those students residing in Lane County, these IDs will serve as a [Free Transit Pass](#) through Lane Transit District

d) **TEACH-NW Frosty Festival in Beaverton**



Games, music, crafts, cookie decorating, and a book exchange! This event is *Free* to TEACH-NW families. We ask that you bring one gently used wrapped book per child (please be sure to label the book with appropriate age range) and one cookie decorating topping per family such as frosting, sprinkles, etc. Amanda and Kori will be hosting this event!

When: December 11th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Where: Beaverton Community Center

Sign Up [HERE!](#)

- e) **Waiver of Liability Requirement** (verbiage I'm sending out next week in the quarterly newsletter)

In consultation with and approved by our TEACH-NW Board, we are now requiring parents to submit a Waiver of Liability form which can be found in the [Parent Portal](#). As we support a number of activities and programs that are not under our direct oversight, we are requiring parents/guardians to release TEACH-NW from liability and to indemnify and hold harmless Marcola School District (MSD), TEACH-NW, and any employees or agents representing or related in regards to any injury or damage incurred to a student, family, or family's property resulting from the use of purchases or participation in activities made with a student allotment.

Further, this form requires the parent/guardian to affirm that they have read TEACH-NW's Handbook and agree to abide by the rules and regulations contained within the handbook.

We've established a timeline of December 5th to collect the waivers. Families who haven't completed the waiver at that point will have their allotments suspended until the waiver has been submitted. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but this has been determined to be a necessary step if wish to continue to protect the integrity of our program.

We sincerely appreciate your support in completing this requirement.

- f) **Student of the Month:**

- i) Elementary: Nominated by Jodie Crowe

Ellie Bloom

Ellie (8) and Karmen (12) have been learning and competing in Working Equitation (WE) - a sport that focuses on the horse and rider's relationship and communication. Ellie began WE at a time when she was having a lot of challenges in life, and here was something she could excel at and love. It has been a wonderful group to be involved with, incredibly supportive, inclusive and family friendly. Through lots of hard work, these two have really grown and excelled this past year and earned qualifying scores for the *North American Championship show in Del Mar, California* in October!



We went on a 2000+ mile, 10 day road trip with our trainer, team of 3 kids and their horses. What an epic adventure! It pushed the kids and horses out of their comfort zones, they worked so hard and did their best! It was an amazing bonus that Ellie won the title North American Champion, Children's Division (ages 8-13).

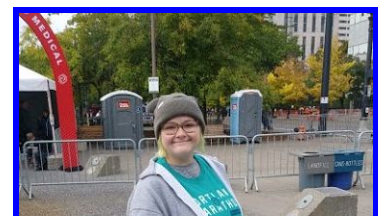
Where life's other struggles are forgotten, horses are Ellie's special place. Thank you so much TNW for helping make this happen. ♥

Monet Bloom (Proud Mom)

Phil Johnson shared Elementary Student of the Month recipient, Ellie Bloom. Ellie will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card and TNW certificate. Congratulations Ellie!

ii) Secondary: Nominated by Anthony White

Willamina "Mina" Miles



It is with great honor that I recommend Mina Miles as our secondary student of the month. I am fortunate to have been able to work with Mina and her family since last school year, and I have seen a tremendous amount of academic growth. Much of what she seeks to learn is based off of her interests or from personal experience. Many of the work samples provided to me are not worksheets, or multiple choice quizzes, but cumulative projects that demonstrate a mastery of learning. I would also like to acknowledge her aptitude for creating, maintaining, and leveraging technology to further her education. Her talents, passion, charity, and cultural awareness, are just a few reasons that Mina deserves to be TEACH-NW's secondary student of the month.

From Mina's mother:

"Mina is developing a growth mindset, which is amazing. She was entrenched in the closed mindset for most of her school years.

It's all the rage to talk to students about growth vs closed mindsets but near impossible, to make students shift away from closed simply by making them do prescribed activities. However, through perseverance, Mina has been learning to work through her struggles or navigate around them, to accomplish her goals. Mina now sees possibilities for success where she would have previously only seen the hardships and deemed the work as impossible.

Last year, Mina worked through Mom-designed projects. This year, Mina designed and crafted her first independent project, the only prompt was to make a video. She took that and decided the format and content, then worked through the process until she was happy with the results.

She is also starting to see learning opportunities without prompting. For example, she was curious to learn about Elijah Cummings after watching the service on the news. Her momentum dwindled but curiosity is the first step to meaningful learning. I'll take it whenever it comes and not squash it by insisting she follows through when the interest fades."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXFT0-QpqJw>

Phil Johnson shared Secondary Student of the Month recipient, Mina Miles. Mina will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card and TNW certificate. Congratulations Mina!

g) **TEACH-NW Early College/EOP Program Update**

In addition to our [Lane Community College \(LCC\)](#) Early College Program, we've established new Early College connections with [Linn Benton Community College \(LBCC\)](#), [Chemeketa Community College](#), and [Portland Community College \(PCC\)](#). Qualified TEACH-NW students who wish to participate in our Early College Program are encouraged to contact Lisa Sequeira via email at lsequeira@marcola.k12.or.us or by cell at 541-952-1156.

- h) **TEACH-NW is pleased to announce** that we now offer ACH reimbursement direct deposit as a secondary option to receiving checks. The next time you submit a reimbursement, you will receive an invitation to participate in the program when you submit your next reimbursement request. ***It is not mandatory to enroll*** but your ACH enrollment will expedite your reimbursement (direct deposit). The letter looks (as we've learned) rather suspicious but it is authentic. The message auto generated. We're exploring how we can modify its content.

i) **Current Enrollment:** (342)

(1) **K-5:** (191)

- (a) 25- (K)
- (b) 33- (1st)
- (c) 36- (2nd)
- (d) 31- (3rd)
- (e) 40- (4th)
- (f) 26- (5th)

(2) **6-8:** (94)

- (a) 39- (6th)
- (b) 26- (7th)
- (c) 29- (8th)

(3) **9-12:** (57)

- (a) 12- (9th)
- (b) 18- (10th)
- (c) 10- (11th)
- (d) 17- (12th)

Phil Johnson shared TNW current enrollment is 342 students. TNW is still in the process of inviting new students into the program. TNW would like to reach an enrollment of 350 students.

- i) **Activities and Programs:** We now have an activity calendar on our website: <https://www.marcola.k12.or.us/teach-nw/events/>.

12) MSD Upcoming Events

[District Calendar](#)

Next TNW Regular Board Meeting, December 9th 2019 @ 5:00 pm

13) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

***Board Action**