



TNW Board Meeting Minutes
December 9th, 2019 5:00 PM
MSD December 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**

6) Consent Agenda *

Approval of [TNW November Board Meeting Minutes*](#)

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

Sara Staton made a motion to approve Consent Agenda for TNW November Board meeting minutes, TNW November Financials and TNW November Check Register. Kara Lester seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda. 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**

Phil Johnson shared information on positive shares from one of Cindy's families, the Van Cura family and Newman family.

A. Positive shares ('tis the season):

- a. From Cindy:** This is from a mom who was skeptical about joining TNW due to her experiences with other homeschool charter schools in the state. I had a very lengthy conversation with her prior to her joining (I did not know her before our conversation), addressed her concerns, and at the end

of the conversation she decided to join. Prior to Thanksgiving she sent me this, highlighting her gratitude, which led to a fabulous conversation about the arts:

“Thankful today for Teach-NW and how being a part of this program is opening up some neat opportunities for my own kids to experience the arts!”

From Erin regarding the Van Cura Family: I can't express just how amazing they are and it has been very rewarding to work with them. The parent, Erin, has done an exceptional job of reading the handbook and familiarizing herself with our program and expectations - her lesson plans have been spot on from the beginning. She's so well-organized and dedicated to learning, collaborating, and doing what's best for her kids.



I LOVE using my teacher brain and working together with her to come up with solutions for curriculum, pacing, lesson planning, etc. If I could nominate a "family of the month" this would be it!

- b. From parent Karla Newman:** As we approach Thanksgiving, I was reflecting on everything our family has to be thankful for.

This is an excerpt from the check-in email that I sent to Anthony this morning. "It was quite a surprise to see Dylan in the newsletter! He was smiling from ear to ear when I showed him. I just have to say what an amazing teacher/EF you are. You make yourself available to both Dylan and I when we need you, you have ideas and input into college classes (like our discussion with welding) that I would've never thought of, and I feel that you truly care for Dylan and his success. This Thanksgiving we

are thankful to be in a charter school that allows us the flexibility to get creative with how we teach our kids, gives us an EF to help us as parents when we need it (and be available to help the kids, too!), and for an EF like yourself. I hope you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!"

I feel compelled to let you know how impressed we have been with both Anthony and Becky. Last year, my father in law suffered a major stroke and had to move to assisted living. Last month he suffered a major heart attack and is now at rest. During both of these devastating times for our family, both Becky and Anthony were more concerned about our family's well-being and making sure the kids were processing through the massive changes to our family dynamics. They were SO supportive and comforting during these times. They do amazing work as it is when it comes to being an EF, but to add in the compassion and empathy...well, that's not something you come across every day.

Please know how grateful we are for TNW, but especially for having such amazing EF's in Anthony and Becky.

May TNW and all those affiliated with it continue to provide this level of support, compassion, and personalization to all you come in contact with.

B. Student of the Month

a. Elementary

i. EF Erin White:

I would like to nominate **Pablo (grade 5) and Plácido (grade 2)** Alemán as our Students of the Month for December. These students did something pretty incredible last month: they participated in the annual National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) Young Writers Program and accomplished their writing goals! Each participant set a word count goal for the month in an attempt to write a novel in just one month. Pablo and Plácido reached their word count goals but found that they still have many more words to go before finishing their novels.

Pablo wrote 1711 words towards his novel *A Brief History of Theater*. In this novel, "a group of youth all interested in theater in one way or another come to have a wonderful time and maybe figure out a thing or two about the wondrous place that is the theater." Plácido wrote 702 words (surpassing his goal of 500 words) towards his novel *The Spy Kids*. This mystery/adventure story is "about a boy named John and his spy group. They go on a spy mission ending in his birthday party." I don't know about you, but I can't wait to read them both!

Congratulations to Pablo and Plácido Aleman for being TEACH-NW's December student of the month recipients. Pablo and Plácido will both be receiving a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card and TEACH-NW Student of the Month signed certificate.

C. Applegate Community Meeting 12/12/19

TEACH-NW admin team will be meeting with the Applegate community on Thursday 12/12/19 to share information about TEACH-NW's program.

D. Early College/Expanded Option Programs

a. TEACH-NW has established Early College/Expanded Option Programs with the following community colleges:

1. Lane Community College: [Lane Community College \(LCC\) Early College Program](#)
2. Linn-Benton Community College: [LBCC High School Partnerships](#)
3. Chemeketa: [Chemeketa Expanded Options Program](#)
4. Mt. Hood Community College: [Mt. Hood Expanded Options Program](#)
5. Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus: [PCC Application Process](#)
6. Central Oregon Community College (COCC): [COCC High School Connections](#)
7. Clackamas Community College (CCC) : [CCC High School Connections](#)

TEACH-NW will pay up to 12 credits per term, *including mandatory fees* that relate to the student's Individual Learning Plan (ILP). Additional course fees will require approval from the Director of TEACH-NW. The student is responsible for any tuition and course fees for credits above 12 credits per term. TEACH-NW will also provide \$200 toward the purchase of textbooks per term.

E. FIRST Lego Eugene Competition @ OSU Results (12/7 & 12/8) - We had two teams competing last weekend.

- a. Congratulations to Team **Naturally Disastrous** for winning the Innovative Project award!



- b. From Parent:

SarahBeth C Well Thank you Czarena Krell for being awesome and making their shirts! Thank you, so much, Anthony Christopher White for all of your hard work

and sacrifice! Liam actually thanked us on the way home, unprompted, for being there, for taking him all that way and supporting him. He said he had soooo much fun, then he passed out from over stimulation, haha! It was incredible to hear that from him! He is always gracious, but this was more than that. We felt so good as a family to have spent the day there! I hope Rosalee is better! Erin, thank you so much for your truly awesome sacrifice, as well! This is definitely an experience that we all will never forget!

- c. We should also note that EF Cindy Morris Anderson also played a big role in the teams' success.

- d. Congratulations to Team **Universal Builders** for



participating in their very first robotics tournament today. So much learned in one day, about themselves, how to work as a group and how to program their robot. They might not have won ama award this year, but next year the sky's the limit.

F. FIRST Lego Portland Region Qualifying Tournament

a. When:

December 14th

Opening Ceremony: 9:00 AM

b. When::

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2111 NE 25TH AVE.

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G. Current Virtually Delivered Courses/Programs

- a. Spanish I (yearlong)
- b. Holocaust/Genocide (yearlong)
- c. Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

H. Upcoming Courses/Programs (Next Semester):

- a. 3D Modeling Class
- b. UAS Exploratory Intensives

I. Website Updates

Phil Johnson shared information on TNW's website updates. April will share Staff Portal with TNW Board members.

- a. [Curriculum](#)

- i. Early College/EOP additions
- b. Parent Resources
 - i. Early College/EOP
 - ii. GED Option
- c. Staff Portal:
 - i. Embedded Faculty/Staff responsibility flow charts

L. Current Enrollment: (348)

- (1) **K-5:** (196)
 - (a) 26- (K)
 - (b) 36- (1st)
 - (c) 37- (2nd)
 - (d) 32- (3rd)
 - (e) 38- (4th)
 - (f) 27- (5th)
- (2) **6-8:** (96)
 - (a) 39- (6th)
 - (b) 27- (7th)
 - (c) 30- (8th)
- (3) **9-12:** (56)
 - (a) 11- (9)
 - (b) 19- (10)
 - (c) 10- (11)
 - (d) 16- (12)

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

11) MSD Upcoming Events

[District Calendar](#)

Next TNW Regular Board Meeting, January 13th 2019 @ 5:00 pm

12) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

***Board Action**