



TARR ACADEMY

Sheila Tarr Academy of International Studies
School Organizational Team Minutes
September 29, 2023
4:00 pm

The Sheila Tarr Academy of International Studies School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm on September 29, 2023. The meeting was held virtually through Google Meet.

Members present:

Alyson Jones, Principal
Tiffany Ferguson, Assistant Principal
Becky Smith, Licensed Staff Member
Elizabeth McGee, Parent Member
Danyell Gustaw, Parent Member

Members absent:

Support Staff Member (none selected yet)
Gary Joseph, Parent Member
Jordan Pirrone, Licensed Staff Member

Agenda Items

- Approval minutes: The minutes from the meeting dated 08/25/23 and 09/15/23 were presented and approved “as presented”.
- Old Items
- New Items
 - Welcome new members: All new members were present and welcomed.
 - School budget review: All three SPTA positions that were assigned to kindergarten had to be reclassified to Instructional Assistants (IA) because SPTA can only be assigned to a special education classroom.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences: Held October 10. During the meeting, parents will be informed of their child’s academic learning and assessment scores.
 - Upcoming events: Tarr’ nival, Breakfast with Heroes, Week of Respect. Tarr’ nival is October 14, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Breakfast with Heroes for grades 2/3 is Monday, October 2 and for grades 4/5 it is Wednesday, November 8.
 - District campaign Every Day Matters addressing chronic absenteeism. Discussed that we have a large number of students that miss school due to vacations. We are also putting together a plan to improve attendance for students. It includes a partnership with local G league sports affiliates.

General Discussion

- Team choose a start time of 4:30 pm for meetings this year and that they continue virtually. Some adjustments made for the next three months due to holidays. Meetings will be October 20, November 17, and December 15.
- The option to provide students a shopping day at school where they buy family members gifts was reviewed. If the school chooses to move forward, we need to be mindful of those who don’t have money.
- School dance will continue and be planned by a parent group. First grade will support the supervision of the dance. Date identified for dance was February 10.

Information

- **Next Meeting**

Friday, October 20, 2023 at 4:30PM virtually

Public Comment Period

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.