



Meeting Minutes
Sheila Tarr Academy of International Studies
School Organizational Team Meeting
Tarr Academy Virtual Meeting
09/17/ 2025
4:00 PM

School Organizational Team Members:

Tracy Baldwin, Licensed School Staff Member
Jessica Beard, Support Staff School Member
Tiffany Ferguson, Assistant Principal
Alyson Jones, Principal
Elizabeth McGee, Parent Member
Courtney Patrick, Parent Member
Becky Smith, Licensed School Staff Member
Danyell Gustaw, Parent Member
Christina Palmer, Parent Member

Absent members: Elizabeth McGee, Becky Smith, Christina Palmer

1.0 Welcome & Roll Call: Mrs. Gustaw took roll

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Gustaw made a motion to approve the minutes from August 29 and Mrs. Patrick provided a second.

3.0 Old Items

4.0 New Items

4.1 School Budget: School budget went really well for Tarr Academy. We were provided with \$519,811.43 and less the cost of one teacher – our working fund is \$394,606.00. Our Leadership team is choosing to bring back our Technology Specialist, one Humanities position that will be a STEM class beginning in October. Our staff chose to keep one Spanish teacher as the need for connecting deeper to science concepts and a more forward-thinking approach will better prepare our students for the 5th grade science assessment. Mrs. Fischl will return to Tarr as a 3rd grade teacher, and Mrs. Gonzales will move into the Science/STEM Specialist role.

4.2 Upcoming Vote for SOT Members: SOT voting ends on Sept. 19 and or next SOT meeting on Sept. 26 will welcome new members and say goodbye to our current members who have served with us for some time.

- We had a few guests on our SOT meeting who suggested that our new Staffing arrangement was concerning that we would lose Spanish fluency but is a nice variety, without losing our Spanish foundational instruction and learning. Having a STEM connection will help prepare our students for the future and balance with competitive knowledge.

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Information

Next SOT Meeting: Friday. Sept 26.

9/23/25