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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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Date : October 30, 2019/ 7:30 pm
Place : 150 Pierce St. 2nd Floor, Somerset, NJ 08873

I. Call To Order

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:40 PM

II. Meeting Notice Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has caused this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in 'The Courier News'. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

III. Flag Salute

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	P/A
Raif Rustamov (Board President)	E
Keshaw Sahay (Vice President)	P
Stephen Alexis (Board Member)	P
Ashok Munisamy (Board Member)	P
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)	P
Raquel Neri (Board Member)	E

Also Present:

Oguz Yildiz (Lead Person)	P
Ilgar Sadigov (Board Secretary)	P

I. Public Comment

Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. During this portion of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board with questions or comments on agenda items. While all comments will be considered and a response will be made if and when appropriate, the Board will not respond to speakers at the time of their appearance. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

II. Report by Lead Person

Below is a schedule of the activities that have taken place since the last board meeting:

Wednesday, October 2

- Walk to School (more detail) – TEECS participated in the National Walk & Bike to School Day. TEECS' goal is to help grow this movement locally and inspire the community to come together to promote health, air quality awareness and safer routes to school for our students.

The school started the day off at 8:00am at a parking lot within 10 minutes walking distance from the school. All buses and parents were asked to drop their students off at this lot and together we walked down Pierce Street to the World's Fair Drive / Pierce Street intersection.

TEECS would like to send out a special thanks to a few organizations that helped make this event possible: to Sannova for allowing us to take over their lot for the morning, to the Franklin Township Police and Somerset County Canine Division for helping us maneuver safely through traffic and across the street, to our district's busing (Franklin, North Brunswick and South Brunswick) for working with us to get our students to the right location safely and on time, and to TAPinto and News12 for being there to document the event.

We would also like to thank our special guests for taking time from their busy schedules to walk with us and speak to our students about the importance of this event - Township of Franklin Councilman, Prof. Dr. Theodore Chase and Professor/Dean/Fellow at Rutgers University, Dr. Mukund Karwe.

Saturday, October 5

- Saturday school began

Sunday, October 6

- Philadelphia Mini Maker Faire - TEECS displayed the NASA Projects / World Championship Robots. Our booth received a lot of visitors with many great questions.

Monday, October 7

- 8th grade attended a presentation about TEECS' High School program
- Start of Week of Respect / World Day of Bullying Prevention - Free dress down in Blue, in Art classes students traced their hands and designed them to show what the word respect means to them (the hands are displayed in the learning center as a reminder of how we can show respect to others not just this week but always), Character Ed classes design posters that show different ways to prevent bullying (these posters are displayed in the hallways of the school)

Tuesday, October 8

- Early Dismissal for staff development

Thursday, October 10

- Grandparents Night

Monday, October 14

- Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 15

- PTO meeting - Book Swap was held
- Breast Cancer Awareness - \$5 dress down

Wednesday, October 16

- 11th grade took the PSAT practice test/NMSQT
- Grades K-1 had a Fire truck Visit for Fire Prevention week
- Started Halloween Costume recycling

Thursday, October 17

- Started of Donate a Toothbrush for Community Service Club (continues all year)
- Grades 3 & 4 field trip to Terhune farms
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration – Spanish assembly was held where students performed songs, dances, and poems. Each class was assigned a flag of one of the Hispanic Heritage countries and students were allowed a free dress down in colors of their assigned flag. Also, some of the morning announcements were made in Spanish.

Friday, October 18

- High school students had a \$2 dress down to support their Mischief Night party on 10/30
- Grade 10 were given a Pathways to College Presentation

Monday, October 21

- Grades K-2 field trip to Ort Farms
- Freeholder, Patricia Walsh & Retired Chief, William Parenti visit
- Started School Violence Awareness Week – students had a free superhero dress down, classes had discussions about conflict resolution

Tuesday, October 22

- Grade 11 field trip to Lafayette College
- Sustainable Jersey for Schools Award ceremony

Wednesday, October 23

- Started UNICEF coin collection, due back after Halloween
- Early Dismissal / Parent Conferences

Thursday, October 24

- Early Dismissal / Parent Conferences
- Early Dismissal / free Super Hero Dress Down

- Started Crayola ColorCycle – recycling used markers (goes all year)

Friday, October 25

- Early Dismissal / Diwali celebration

Wednesday, October 30

- Grade 5 field trip to Lord Sterling Park
- HS Mischief Night Party
- Class 10G presenting their project about the contributions of African Americans, women, and Native Americans during the American Revolution

Thursday, October 31

- Halloween Trunk or Treat / class parties

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the following minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting:

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of September, 2019 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 191030.1				Motioned by: Mr. Sahay		Seconded by: Mr. Eke		Passed: Yes
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri		
YES		V		V	V			
NO								
ABSTAIN			V					
ABSENT	V					V		

IV. Financial Section: Mr. Ilgar Sadigov, Board Secretary

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from September 26, 2019 to October 30, 2019. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

Motion# 191030.2				Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy		Seconded by: Mr. Alexis		Passed: Yes
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri		
YES		V	V	V	V			
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT	V					V		

V. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to renew its membership with NJSIG (full contract resolution is attached)

Motion# 191030.3 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay Seconded by: Mr. Eke Passed: Yes							
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES		V	V	V	V		
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT	V					V	

VI. Adjournment

Time: 8:38 PM

Motion# 191030.4 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay Seconded by: Mr. Munisamy Passed: Yes							
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES		V	V	V	V		
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT	V					V	

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List