



**Education Alliance Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES**

**Monday, October 29, 2018, 4:00 p.m.**

**TMCC Applied Technology Center, 475 Edison Way, Room 270, Reno, NV 89502**

**1. Opening Items**

**1.01 Call to Order** – 4:06 p.m., 475 Edison Way, Reno, NV – Dave Bianchi

**1.02 Roll Call – Quorum Established (10-PR and 7-PU)**

**Present:** Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Bill Cathey, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Bill Fong, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, David Lasic, Chris Morgan, Nanette Quitt, Ben Rogers, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, John Slaughter, and Jill Tolles

**Absent:** Mariah Evans, Kris Layman, and Ann Silver

**Guests:** Michaela Tonking, Educate Nevada Now; Barbara Walden, Director, TMCC Technical Sciences; Lindsay Anderson, Director, WCSD Government Affairs

**1.03 Public Comment** – Barbara Weldon, Director of the TMCC Pennington Applied Technology Center, welcomed the group and discussed the recent opening of the new Advanced Manufacturing Lab. TMCC is the 1<sup>st</sup> educational provider west of the Mississippi to offer this cyber-physical manufacturing technology and the program will be integrated with associate degree programs.

**1.04** Michaela Tonking, Educate Nevada Now, discussed “Fund Our Future,” how lawmakers have used the increased taxes to fill budget holes rather than go to education.

**1.05 Action to Adopt the Agenda** - It was **moved by Eric Scheetz**, and **seconded by Joe Cline** to Adopt the Agenda - **Motion Passed**. All members present voted Yea.

Brent Boynton and Chris Morgan joined the meeting.

**2. Reports**

**2.01 President’s Report**

Dave Bianchi discussed the 100% Board Giving deadline this week and said we are at 80%. Dave listed the members of the Education Alliance (EA) Strategic Plan Team and that we’ll send out a doodle poll for early December. On the team is Kendall Inskip, himself, Joe Cline, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, and Eric Scheetz, and Natha Anderson and Melissa Burnham volunteered to join.

Charles Pasillas joined the meeting.

**2.02 Executive Director’s Report**

Kendall Inskip reported on the Run for Education presentation to Reno City Council during public comment with Gomes Elementary School Principal Sean Whisler, librarian/school run coordinator Carin Charles and seven students dressed in their run gear with the trophy. She thanked Dave Bianchi and Alex Woodley for joining them as well. On 9/25/18, Kendall reported to the Washoe County Commissioners on the usage of their Partner in Education grant along with Duncan Elementary School Principal Dave Keller, teacher Brianna DiCarlo, and three students. She was joined by Natha Anderson, Dave Bianchi, Eric Scheetz and Alex Woodley and we presented the

Commission with a PiE Champion Award for their long-time and generous support to Duncan Elementary. On Friday, Kendall, Dave, and Brittani will be presenting to principals, assistant principals, deans, administrators, and leadership about how the Education Alliance supports educators at the WCSD Lead, Teach, Learn meeting. She will be encouraging school leaders to submit their school needs so we can update the “Partner Mapping Tool” on our website – to be launched at the 2019 Principal for a Day. She also asked principals to sign up for Principal for a Day to be held Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> with “Meet your Match” on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Also leaders were asked to nominate their Partners in Education for PiE Champion which will also be open to the community this year as well. Kendall requested board members review closely EA 2017-18 Annual Report. Kendall announced we received a Pack Internship Grant of \$1,440 for a UNR intern in the spring. EA will interview interested candidates in December.

Alex Woodley joined the meeting.

### **2.03 Member Reports:**

Classroom Speaker Program: Ben Rogers announced that launch is Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Hunter Lake ES. Danyelle Musselman and Landon Miller, as well as himself, will be speaking in a classroom and media will be invited. He reminded board members to sign up at [ed-alliance.org/speak](http://ed-alliance.org/speak) and said invitations will be sent to major organizations and businesses in town for professionals to sign up.

P-16 Advocacy Council: Joe Cline discussed the last meeting where they compared the Data Summit topics and the P-16 initiatives. One project will be to research comparable districts (population, growth, diversity, etc.) to review targets for the District and how EA and P-16 can support WCSD.

### **3. Consent Agenda Items**

#### **3.01** Approval of Consent Agenda Item 3.02.

#### **3.02** Approval of the Minutes from the September 24, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting

**Alex Woodley moved** and **Nanette Quitt seconded** to approve the Consent Agenda item 3.02 **Motion Passed.** All members present voted Yea.

### **4. Items for Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action**

#### **4.01** Presentation and update on the 2019 Legislative Session, specifically as it impacts education and effective advocacy.

Jill Tolles, Nevada State Assemblywoman-District 25, gave a presentation explaining how she got involved in politics and her deep interest in education. She participated on the Interim Education Committee and shared resources to follow various bills.

Lindsay Anderson, Director of Government Affairs, WCSD, gave an overview of the Legislative platform state-wide. She discussed the iNVEST 2019 handout done by Nevada Superintendents that lists five goals for education. Legislative advocacy, per-pupil spending, career and technical education, adult education, and potential focus of the 2019 Legislature was discussed.

#### **4.02** Update and Discussion on the Run for Education, Sunday, October 21, 2018.

Kendall thanked Dave Bianchi, Nanette Quitt, Charles Pasillas, Bill Fong, Natha Anderson and Alex Woodley for their leadership roles at the Run for Education. There were approximately 3,700 registrations, 2,721 student runners, 89 schools: 60 elementary schools; 13 middle schools; 11 high

schools; 3 charter schools; North Star Online School; and Manogue. Volunteers estimated at 4000, including volunteers from Renown, 150 High School JROTC cadets and UNR Military Society. Expenses are estimated to be \$7,000 lower than budgeted. Approximately \$80,000 in-kind donations was raised, and of the 55 sponsors, 10 of them are new this year. More than \$91,000 in cash donations are in-hand and seven grants are pending. Several dignitaries participated, including Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, Reno City Councilman David Bobzien, Paul McKenzie and Sparks City Council Charlene Bybee. On Tuesday 10/30 at 4:00 pm there will be an “After Action Review” at Riggins Court.

## **5. Closing Items**

### **5.01 Closing Comments by the Board President or Executive Director**

The November 19 meeting will be a brief meeting and our Holiday Mixer.

### **5.02 Next Meeting of the Board of Directors:** Monday, November 19, 2018, 4:00 pm, Reno+Sparks Chamber, 449 South Virginia, #300, Reno.

### **5.03 Public Comment** – No public comment.

### **5.04 Meeting Adjourned 5:26 p.m.**

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**Dave Bianchi, President**

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**Date**