

Quarterly Board Meeting August 20, 2025

Treetops School International, 12500 S Pipeline Rd, Euless, TX 76040
Building AA Classroom

Board members:

Dr. Mike Sacken
Dr. Anthony Johnson
Dr. Roger Doss
Dion Brooks (in absentia) (Resigned 8/20/2025)
Dr. Billy Snow (inducted 8/20/2025)
Broderick Williams (inducted 8/20/2025)
Abigail Sheets (on facetime) (inducted 8/20/2025)

Non-Board Members:

Dr. James Whitfield
Stephanie Cobb
Stephanie Kaimana
Christie McCulley
Jas Asbill
Angela Sachse
Ms. Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Kruse
Mrs. Lay

Call to order: 7:08

Approve Minutes from May 2025

Vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Public Comments: n/a

Reports:

Superintendent Report:

Dr James Whitfield, Superintendent

Dr. James updates the board on how the Ron Clark Academy and Houses are affecting the students and staff positively. He introduced Jas Asbill to the board and explained her new position with the school. Dr. James spoke on the Legislative Updates affecting many aspects of school finance. He discusses community partnerships such as the Audubon Society and the Region X Outdoor Learning Center Directors Group – we will be hosting their group in Feb-Mar 2026 on campus. Dr James discussed grant writing and how many applications he has filled out and sent in. Spoke on our Social Media Presence and how it is increasing.

Financial Report:

Stephanie Kaimana, Business Manager

Enrollment for 2025-26 School Year: 192 as of today

2024-25 Budget Amendments:

Amended SAFE Cycle Grant among functions according to NOGA. Staff decrease and movement effected August accruals, amended functions accordingly. Decrease in students from K-12 to K-6 effected After School Care.

SK presented the 2025-26 Budget for approval and explained where the money in each column comes from (ie. Math Grant, TRA, SSRA, Federal Funds, etc.) and how the TRA and SSRA are to be paid under HB2. Also spoke of utilities and waste management bills dropping slightly with the change in staff/students on campus.

Vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

2025-26 Strong Foundations Grant for Math (LASO Cycle III) = \$120,000

Grant requires 50% to be paid to a Grant Consultant/Grant Coach of our choice. Treetops chose SLH Law (Alan Seay/Lisa Nyquist) to represent and consult with our school on this grant. Board vote required to accept SLH Law as our consultant/coach on this grant.

Vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Required signatures from Sacken and Whitfield:

New CD voted on at May 2025 meeting
IMCAT survey for EMAT use
ESC XI Contracts

New School Board Member Nominations:

Current board members introduced and provided experience and education of the new board nominees:

Dr. Billy Snow

Vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Sacken

Broderick Williams

Vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Abigail Sheets (also inducted as the new Board Secretary).

Vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Campus Reports:

Legislative Updates and New Policies for Adoption:

Dr. James Whitfield, Superintendent

Dr James provides a brief explanation of new mandated policies from the Texas Legislature. Mandated policies were summarized and written policies were provided by SLH Law Offices (school attorney) and emailed ahead of time so that board members would have time to read thoroughly. Board chose to accept them as a group instead of by individual policies.

Vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Sacken

Strategic Plan for Adoption:

Provides background and creation of the Strategic Plan. Dr Sacken confirmed with Dr James that it is a dynamic plan and can grow and change with new events. Currently the Plan will be used to advertise our school and provide information to potential donors and we hope sharing it will increase our student body.

Vote to approve: Dr. Johnson

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Snow

Announcements:

Bimonthly Board Meetings start in October 2025

Presented by Stephanie Kaimana

October 22, 2025 at 7:00pm at Treetops School, Bldg AA Classroom

No Closed Session:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with school's attorney, in person or by phone on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the school under the

Texas Disciplinary Rules of the Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Adjourn meeting at 8:32pm motion to adjourn.

Vote to approve: Dr. Doss

Second the vote to approve: Dr. Johnson