
**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF TUCSON COUNTRY DAY CHARTER SCHOOL OF MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

A public meeting of the Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School was convened on Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 5:00 PM via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School:

Michelle Bullock, Renee Danielson, and Allan Stockellburg

Absent: Christina Brown and Cassidy James

Quorum present? Yes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Allan Stockellburg

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

CALL TO PUBLIC

- None

ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING:

January 20th, 2026:

Motion to approve the minutes of the School Board meeting for January 20th, 2026.

Motioned by Renee Danielson and seconded by Michelle Bullock

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Michelle Bullock, Renee Danielson, and Allan Stockellburg

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2025/2026 REVISED BUDGET

Business Manager – Rachel Robertson

- Ms. Rachel sent the Board Members the 2025/2026 revised budget with some notes regarding higher spending in specific departments, as well as a decrease in student enrollment from August to January.

Motion to approve the 2025/2026 revised budget.

Motioned by Michelle Bullock and seconded by Renee Danielson

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Michelle Bullock, Renee Danielson, and Allan Stockellburg

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

CEO - Jordan Krause

- Current enrollment numbers have increased by two since January. Mr. Krause added the 2026/2027 enrollment numbers to the enrollment update. So far enrolment for next year looks good. The current enrollment update does not include the Desert Lab School (DLS) cohort yet. However, we have 25 existing students competing for six DLS spots next year.
- Strategic Plan Committee update: Mr. Krause will email 7-8 staff who volunteered to be part of the committee tomorrow to get the planning underway. This group will define what the “Own it, Grow it,” third year of the current strategic plan will look like next school year. Meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoons. Mr. Krause invited the Board Members to attend but also implied that it would be more important for them to be present next fall when we set a committee to create our next three-year strategic plan.
- Desert Lab School (DLS) Update – DLS is live on the TCDS website, and it has a more prominent place on Google now. Our Instagram page currently has 73 followers. Coach Daniel attended the Jim Click raffle launch with Susan Cooper this week. The ticket sales will be in support of DLS this year. Tomorrow Mr. Krause has a tour with three non-TCDS families and this Thursday he will hold the last round of in-house DLS tours. Unfortunately, the trailer in maintenance cannot be salvaged for DLS. It will be put on Facebook marketplace for someone to come get. 4th quarter DLS purchases will include getting the garden and physical space more in order. Mr. Krause’s current office will be given to DLS for use as a studio.
- TCDS will have booths at both the Tanque Verde Market and Tucson Festival of Books. Both events occur on the same weekend of March 14th. This will be our third year at the Tucson Festival of Books. We should have great weather and another good recruiting opportunity at the market. A TCDS table will be set up to offer more information about the school and perhaps give them on the spot tours of the campus.

- Future of K-5 program structure ideas: We are currently looking into some ideas that could work for an inevitable shift of enrollment from grade level to grade level. If we didn't have a 4/5 combo class this school year, we would be down 18 students. We went into the new year with two classes for each of the 4th and 5th grade levels. However, we had major interest in those grade levels and so we opened the combo class. There is some uncertainty regarding enrollment and moving teachers, so we'd like to continue to discuss this idea. We'd like to keep thinking about how combo classes can work for us. Leaving kindergarten as it is with three classes, 1st-5th grade could possibly have combo classes. It depends on where enrollment ends. This would allow us to keep accepting more students. Another idea is that students could have the same teacher for two years in a row. This could minimize teachers having to get to know new kids each year. We know that connectedness governs behavior and a lot of energy is invested in getting to know students each year for them to then move on to another teacher. We'd like to warm up to the idea of multi-age combo classes, and the potential that would benefit student and teacher experience. This has not been formalized yet, but we will continue considering this idea for future years. The Board would like to be kept in the loop as this discussion continues.

Early Childhood Director - Wanda McDonnell

- Ms. Wanda presented the Dibels mid-year review of literacy readiness assessment for K-2nd grade students. The data shows that there is a major increase in the percentage of students who have made progress in their core subjects. This is due to small group instruction with literacy, pre-reading and reading skills as well as the support from Ms. Ally Byard, who has been working with the students. Ms. Wanda is working to create a tracking system that follows students starting in Lil Champs to see how successful they are when they enter 3rd grade. Heggerty is the program currently used for our Lil Champs.
- Lil Champs staffing update: Ms. Wanda hired a 4th classroom teacher at the end of August with the goal of five students for that classroom. As of Monday, that classroom has thirteen students. Enrollment is way up. Summer camp planning is underway with some great ideas so far. Rates will increase for Lil Champs and 1st-8th grade campers this summer.

Chief Innovation Officer - Claudio Bravo

- PBL highlight – Third grade is in the development stage of a project for a time capsule. Students would contribute to the time capsule and in five or six years, around 2032, these same students would dig it up as 8th graders.
- Mr. Bravo recently hosted some family events including taking families out for a nature walk. Approximately 15 TCDS community members attended. They did a one-mile loop on the trails in the wash behind TCDS. Last Wednesday, a parent training session was held with eight parents from Lil Champs up to middle school. During the session they discussed fostering executive function and independence.

We know the bridge between home and school can be very successful when we are all on the same page.

Chief Student Advocate - Terra Maddock

- Mrs. Maddock asked Mr. Soto to present regarding the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Mr. Soto has been fortunate enough to do some training recently for the EOP, and a new school safety grant was brought to his attention while attending training. The application is now open and will close at the end of April. The grant offers funds to hire a school resource officer, retired officer of any kind, a school safety officer that has been trained in the peace officer training, an extra guidance counselor or social worker. If we are unable to fill the position, the funds could be used for security expenses. The grant is a three-year program, and we would have to comply each year to continue our funding. The Board Members asked that the choices for how the funds will be spent be run by the Board before proceeding.
- Mrs. Maddock is currently working with teachers in their PLC's. Students are feeling safe and connected. With the social framework we can now emphasize the executive component of our core strategies. We are asking if students can identify some community components that we need to make more progress with and to set goals from these. Students will have the opportunity to come up with consequences as well. The goal is to give students ownership while holding them accountable.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at 5:00PM via Zoom. This may need to be changed.

Michelle Bullock left the meeting at 5:50pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by Renee Danielson and seconded by Allan Stockellburg

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Renee Danielson and Allan Stockellburg

Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM

Dated this 17th day of February 2026

The Governing Board of Tucson Country Day Charter School Minutes taken by Board Secretary, Pam Hubble