



## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**Time:** 12:00 PM

**Location:** THINC

**Present:** Ted Arnold, Eric Mosley, Deana Brown, Valarie Williams, Lauren Edgar, Mitch Key

**Other:** Gerald Wyatt, Regan Mock, Brandon Brooks, Dr. Chris Williams, Tatiana Dudley, Michael Barnes, Connie Hensler

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

- Welcome- Ted Arnold, THINC Board Vice-Chair
- Review of January minutes- Ted Arnold
  - Unable to approve minutes due to no quorum
- P&L- Eric Mosley, THINC Finance Chair
  - 15.4% of budget spent
  - YTD actual of \$127,211.65
  - Randy Jackson Scholarship is currently at \$79,365.00
  - Projected Ending Balance: \$1,739,077.55
  - Received \$25,000 from West Point Development Authority
    - Unable to approve financials due to no quorum
- CEO Updates- Gerald Wyatt, THINC CEO
  - Board training is typically hosted by a TCSG Representative, but this year they offered it as a regional meeting and allowed Board members to tune in for their training credit. This took place February 15<sup>th</sup> in place of our monthly Board meeting. Those who were unable to participate were instructed to go back and watch the session and confirm their completion.
  - The CTSO Cookout was held to encourage more CTSO participation and allowed the CTSO officers to showcase what they are doing within their organization.
  - Mr. Wyatt served as a panelist for FLEX at Fitzgerald College & Career Academy. This was an opportunity for student with entrepreneurial ideas to create a business and receive a mentor along with a small loan from their local Chamber and present their results in a competition. Mr. Wyatt plans to speak with the Troup County Chamber to see how we can implement this program in Troup County.
  - THINC and TCSS have partnered with Hopegivers to provide three sessions for students and their families to learn more about mental health and hear from guest speakers. Hopegivers was designed to help remove the stigma of mental health. The first sessions was held this month and the next will be in April and May.
  - THINC is trying to increase our social media presence for marketing purposes and will be expanding to TikTok, which is a major social media outlet for students. Instructors have



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been asked to assist by implementing assignments for their students to create a TikTok around what they are currently learning in the classroom.

- Employer campus visits are encouraged. There have been a few visits lately, including Leadership Troup, but would like to get more scheduled.
- The Expedition Student Info Session will take place tomorrow, March 23, at the Callaway Conference Center. There will be 25-30 employers on site and have at least 140 students from THINC, CHS, LHS and THS.
- Instructor Introductions- Gerald Wyatt
  - Brittany Poole is one of the Healthcare instructor and teaches Sports Medicine and has both her Bachelors and Masters and has applied for a Doctorate program. Mrs. Poole is also one of our HOSA advisors and just returned from the HOSA State Leadership Conference where 34 students attended and 7 of the 22 competitors placed top 10. The International Leadership Conference will take place this summer in Nashville. The students attending this conference will only be responsible for paying \$200 towards travel, hotel and registration thanks to the funding that THINC provides for the CTSO groups.
  - Jim McNair is the Engineering instructor and GreenPower advisor. Mr. McNair started his career in machine and manufacturing and eventually went on to receive both his Bachelors and Masters. Before coming to THINC Mr. McNair was the Dean for Columbus Tech. In his class room they are currently working on the CNC machine.
- THINC Updates- Dr. Chris Williams, THINC Principal
  - Students are responsible for 25% of their travel, the CTSO organization that they are a part of contributes 25% and THINC takes on the remaining 50% so that more students are allowed the opportunity to attend.
  - Thursday an industry field trip will be held at both Hyundai plants to allow students seeking employment the opportunity to tour and apply. There will be 60 students attending with the opportunity of starting at \$15.50 an hour.
  - There will be job openings at THINC for the following:
    - Math Instructor
    - Healthcare Instructor
    - Administrative Assistant to the CEO
- TCSS Update- Deana Brown, TVSS Assistant Superintendent
  - Student success and well-being, equitable opportunity for students and staff, teacher recruitment and community involvement will be focuses while building the budget.
  - TCSS is currently hiring for three elementary principals and one middle.
  - Testing will begin in April for elementary and middle school and May for high school.
  - The ACT was just given to all juniors.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**\*UNAPPROVED**