Thomas Edison Charter School South – LAND Trust Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2026 3:15 pm

Online: https://meet.google.com/crh-hegn-cdt

Committee Members / Attendance:
Angela Barton (Secretary – Non-voting)
Melani Kirk (Principal)
Kari Knight (Employee – yr 2)
Julie Johnson (Employee – yr 1)
Stephanie Jensen (Parent – yr 2, Chairperson)
Pamela Budge (Parent – yr 2)
Cindy Hooker (Parent – yr 1)
Jessica Hyer (Parent – yr 1, Vice Chairperson)
Jennifer Wade (Parent – yr 1)

Agenda:

1. Welcome committee members 3:15 PM. Pam Budge, Cindy Hooker, Keri Knight, Julie Johnson, Melani Kirk, Angela Williams, Stephanie Jensen are in all in attendance

2. Jessica motioned to approve the October 2025 meeting minutes. Kari Knight seconded motion. Unanimous approval of the committee.

3. Reviewed Acadience Scores for the middle of the 25-26 school year. Improvements were made across each grade in both reading and math.

   Kindergarten scores: Reading-71% proficient in the beginning of the year and 88% for middle of year.
   Math 73% proficient in the beginning of the year and 99% for middle of the year.

   1st grade scores: Reading- 72% proficient in the beginning of the year and 86% for middle of the year.
   Math- 72% proficient in the beginning of the year and 81% for the middle of the year.

   2nd grade scores: Reading- 86% proficient in the beginning of the year and 88% for the middle of the year.
   Math- 80% proficient in the beginning of the year and 92% for the middle of the year.

3rd grade scores: Reading- 86% proficient in the beginning of the year and 91% for the middle of the year.
Math- 89% proficient in the beginning of the year and 99% for the middle of the year.

4. As a committee we discussed where the funds can best be used to impact student learning the best. We discussed as a committee the school plan and the goals we will set for the 26-27 school year and how to best allocate the $131,583.49 funds.

   Jessica Hyer proposed that we allocate the following funds: $15,000 to pay for Spalding Classes under category contracted services, $4,500 to pay for SRC Subscriptions under category books and subscriptions and $46,291.75 for teacher/aid pay under category salaries and benefits. These allocations of funds would help work towards attaining our Goal #1 of having our K-5 students show one year of growth (or more) in phonics (phonograms) and spelling. Kari Knight seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

   Jessica Hyer also proposed that we spend the rest of the funding ($65,791.74) and any excess funds for employing MTSS aides under category salaries/benefits. This allocation of funds will help us work towards our Goal #2 which is to increase the percentage of 3rd through 8th grade students who are proficient on the end of year RISE test from the end of 2025-2026 to the end of 2026-2027. Kari Knight seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

5. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.