



MINNESOTA EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING ACADEMY

Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy February 20, 2019 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:

- a. Board Members: Joseph Scherer, Julie Eduputa, Emily Johnson, David Sundstrom (Absent) Tomika Jackson-Davis, Paula Barros
- b. Guests: Antonio Zambrano, Danielle Fields, Nicole IQS Authorizer

2. Call the Meeting to Order:

- a. Joseph Scherer called the meeting to order at 5: 00

3. Public Forum

- a. N/A

4. Approval of the Agenda: Julie moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the Prior Board Meeting Minutes: (December 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes):

- a. Paula moved. Julie seconded. Unanimously approved.

6. Operations report:

- a. Financial report: Nicole
 - i. Motion to approve the December FY19 and the January FY20 Packet. Emily moved. Paula seconded. Unanimously accepted.
 - ii. Budget was based on 220 students. We are averaging 217 and 215 as of today
 - iii. Profit of 188,000 Look at revised FY20 budget in April along with the FY21 budget
 - iv. Motion to Approve the Corporate Borrowing Resolution with a maximum amount of \$300,000. Paula moved. Julie seconded. Unanimously accepted.
- b. HR Updates:
 - i. New pre-k para
 - ii. New SPED teacher
 - iii. Resident teacher to Pre-K teacher in March
- c. Director of Operations Report:
 - i. Bylaws review/ Policies review
 1. Policy to review the school's policies- IQS will email this to us
 2. We will plan to look at one policy per board meeting
 - ii. Insurance Agent of Record Change



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1. Motion to approve the change of our Insurance Agent of Record from Associated Benefits and Risk Consulting to North Risk Partners. Paula moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously accepted.

7. Distinctive Schools Update:

- a. Network updates: N/A

8. Board of Directors Update:

- a. Danielle in Female Superintendent Group

9. MELA Executive Director Report:

- a. Academic Update:
 - i. Julie's company, General Dynamics gave \$2,000 grant for Robotics kit
 - ii. Bush Foundation \$2,000 grant to support STEAM k-8 robotics kits- last Friday of the Month for STEAM
 - iii. Joseph Scherer \$1,500 gift for marketing, Cub foods, Maple Grove magazine, Online
 - iv. University of St. Thomas- marketing project
 - v. Winter Testing- data MAP scores for reading have increased
- b. Strategic Plan update
 - i. University of Chicago parents and teachers take survey
- c. Motion to approve the 2020/2021 school calendar. Emily Motioned. Paula Approved. Unanimously accepted.
- d. Lease with Church of the Open Door- Drafting Communication
- e. Relationship with West- very respectful, respectful of the space, awesome neighbors
- f. Free Little Library for Jodi- Put in office instead of outfront- Literacy month winners get to choose a book from the Library- Leveled collection for 4-6 possibly- looking for quality texts- June 30, 2020 deadline to spend money

10. Board Training Matrix:

- a. Update the board matrix

11. **Adjourned at:** 6:33 PM by Joseph Scherer. Next meeting will be: Thursday April 23, 2020 at 5:00 in the school cafeteria