



MINNESOTA EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING ACADEMY

Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy June 1, 2032 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:

- a. Board Members:
 - i. Antonio Zambrano: Vice-Chair
 - ii. Cynthia Kuenzel: Secretary
 - iii. Joshua Moeshl: Teacher Rep
 - iv. Malai Turnbull: Community Member
- b. Guests:
 - Danielle Fields: Executive Director
 - Nichole Schmidt: Representative from CLA
 - Paula Barros: School Director

2. Call the Meeting to Order:

- a. Malai Turnbull, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

3. Public Forum

- a. NA

4. Approval of the Agenda: Cynthia moved. Joshua seconded. Unanimously accepted.

5. Approval of the Prior Board Meeting minutes (April 13, 2023).

Cynthia moved. Joshua seconded. Unanimously accepted.

6. Operations Report

a. Financial Updates- Nicole

- i. April financials
 -  MELA April 23 Financials.pdf
- ii. Legislative update - the Governor signed the 4% increase. There is an increase also for EL per pupil funding. We will also get \$20,000 for library aid and \$20,000 for student support services. Motion to approve the April financial report. Antonio moved. Joshua seconded. Unanimously approved.

7. Board of Directors Update

- a. BOD Update - no update at this time.



8. Executive Director Report

- i. Principal Update
 - ii. Academics
 - 1. 100% of Pre-K students met state requirements of knowing 10 uppercase letters and 87.5% met the MELA goal of all letters.
 - 2. According to Aimswebb, 24 out of 26 Kindergarten students that were here since the fall made a positive ROI (rate of improvement) during the year in letter naming fluency. Two students entered kindergarten knowing all letter names.
 - 3. In sixth grade 89% of sixth graders achieved a DRA reading score at or above grade level. Noted that one student that arrived at MELA in 4th grade with a DRA level of 6 is leaving MELA at a DRA of 60.
 - iii. Year End Celebrations
 - 1. All classes reported achieving 100% on their individual student literacy goals, with the exception of KB with no report and Third Grade with 90%.
- b. Executive Director Update
- i. School Board Voting
 - 1. School Board elections need to be held within 30 days of school starting. That will be done at the August meeting.
 - ii. Building Search
 - 1. Ten Square is not a good option for MELA to work with. Connecting with other potential commercial realtors. Board members should fill out their preference of meeting times and send to Danielle.
 - iii. Transportation - Presentation by Carl Allen of 4Mativ Transportation. Board members will email Danielle with their recommendations concerning transportation.
 - iv. Hiring/Resignations
 - 1. New 4th grade teacher hired.
 - 2. Will need to hire new kindergarten and preschool teachers.
 - v. 23-24 Board Meetings



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1. Dates for the forthcoming school year: August 3, 2023; October 5, 2023; December 7, 2023; February 1, 2024; April 4, 2024; June 6, 2024.
Joshua moved. Antonio seconded. Unanimously approved.

vi. Executive Director Search

1. Suggested that the board schedules a work meeting to address the search and hiring of a new Executive Director.

vii. [EDIAM](#)

Approval of Designation of the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management is given to Danielle Fields.
Antonio moved. Joshua seconded. Unanimously accepted.

- viii. Strategic Plan -The current strategic plan will end at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. The goals of this plan have been met. A new strategic plan will need to be written in 2024.
1. A grant has been awarded to MELA to purchase Social Emotional curriculum.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 p.m. by acting chair Maili Turnbull.

Next meeting will be Thursday August 3, 2023 at 5:00 in the school conference room or virtually.