



Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy May 10, 2018 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:
 - Board Members: Joe Scherer, Julie Eduputa, Emily Johnson, Sara Welu, Michelle Staack
 - Guests: Nicole Schmidt, Antonio Zambrano, Jennifer Mitchell, April Shaw, Carrie (IQS)
2. Call the Meeting to Order: Joe called the meeting to order @ 4:33 pm
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Amend - go into executive session after board governance
 - Emily moved. Julie seconded. Unanimously accepted.
 - Agenda Updated in meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:
 - Emily motioned to approve the April 12th minutes. Michelle seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.
5. Board of Director update
 - Network updates
6. Distinctive Schools Update:
 - Director Interviews: 16 applicants Plan for hire by 6/15/18 or 6/30/18
 - Distinctive School transition update
 - Transition Plan-Scott and Jen end of year
 - Enrollment- 208 students goal 240.
 - Recruitment effort- Still looking for 40 students for next year. Flowers/Para outreach- call all families to double check
7. MELA Director Report
 - Celebrations- enrollment
 - Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment- Spring Formals planned, MCA preliminary results, NWEA test upcoming
 - Professional Development-
 - Envoy
 - Behavior data meetings
 - Upcoming- Restorative practice, SDE National Conference

- Parent and family events- Dia celebration, Culver's Fundraiser, Spring Concert
- Staffing- new hires FY 17/18 (2) and FY18/19 (1)

8. Board Governance / Compliance Requirements

- Financial Training- 2 board members to complete

9. Operations Report

- Financial review, budget update, Expenditure update
 - CPS Grant- closed
 - Line of credit- approved
 - Emily motioned to accept the April financial packages. Julie seconded it. Unanimously accepted
 - Renewal of Liability and Building Insurance
 - Request by MDE to test water for lead
 - IQS financial review
 - MELA Networking- MACs breakfast
 - Leasing- Update in June
 - MELA rebranding- transition plan, image, email, logo.. Etc.

10. Next meeting

- TBD

11. Moved to adjourn by Joe Scherer at 5:37 pm. Sara seconded. Unanimously accepted