



Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy October 11, 2017 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:
 - Board Members: Joe Scherer, Carrie Berndt, Julie Eduputa., Emily Johnson, Sara Welu
 - Guests: Nicole Schmidt, Antonio Zambrano, Scott F, Jennifer Mitchell, Matt Mayer, Kelly Bender, Brianna Terrell (Chief of Staff- Distinctive)

2. Call the Meeting to Order: Joe called the meeting to order @ 3:32pm

3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Amend - closed session after Matt and Nicole's portion of agenda.
 - Emily moved. Julie seconded. Unanimously accepted.
 - Agenda Updated in meeting

4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:
 - Emily motioned to approve the August 31st minutes. Julie seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.

5. Auditor Report (Matt Mayer)
 - Matt Mayer reviewed the audit and financial statements.
 - The board thanked Matt for his hard work and thorough share-out.

6. Financial Review/Budget Update/Expenditure Update:
 - Nicole Schmidt from CLA reviewed the August and September financial packages to the board.
 - Emily motioned to approve the August and September financial packages. Julie seconded it. Unanimously accepted.

7. Adjourn at 4:03pm by motion from Joe to reconvene in a closed session to discuss employment related contracts.
Seconded by Emily. Unanimously accepted. (Session Recorded)

- Reconvened at 4:35pm

8. Distinctive Schools Update:
 - Teachers are charged in the personalized learning endeavor
 - Opened a new Distinctive Schools in Michigan

- NWEA data for fall is in- provides us with a baseline for learning this year
- MN School Transition Updates provided for MELA board

9. Board of Directors Update:

- Motion made by Emily to change Board Calendar of Regularly Scheduled Meetings. Julie seconded it. Unanimously approved. New meetings to be posted to website: Thursday of every other month at 4:30 pm (upcoming date) - December 14
- Update to an every other month board meeting model communicated to Kathryn Mongan-Rallis for website.
- Kathryn will post a new schedule for Board Meetings
- Jennifer Mitchell to reach out to Lisa Dotson about attendance at the December meeting and/or continued board interest.

10. MELA Director Report:

- Jennifer Mitchell reported information regarding the Kindergarten Information Night Fair in November, Recruitment efforts will continue.
- Lori Hoagland is excited to teach Pre-K for our pilot program - she will begin to prepare for the program.
- Assessment Data was presented - Math PD will be amped up this year to deepen the understanding of math for all learners
- Students are really engaged in Mystery Science for inquiry based learning.
- PreK will begin on January 8, 2018. The first informational parent meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2017.

11. Operations Report:

- No errors in MARSS reporting
- Fire Inspection was approved

12. Board Governance/Compliance

- Emily moved to approve Sara Welu as Treasurer. Julie seconded it. Unanimously accepted

13. Others:

- Give to the Max Day- Nov 16, 2017 (4K Classroom) Share-Out

Moved to adjourn by Joe Scherer at 5:16 pm. Emily seconded. Unanimously accepted