



# MINNESOTA EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING ACADEMY

## Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy June 4, 2020 Board Meeting via Zoom

### 1. Record Attendance and Guests:

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

### 2. Call the Meeting to Order:

- a. Joseph Scherer called the meeting to order at 5: 04

### 3. Public Forum

- a. N/A

### 4. Approval of the Agenda: David moved. Emily seconded. Unanimously approved.

### 5. Approval of the Prior Board Meeting Minutes: (April 16, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes):

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

### 6. Operations report:

- a. Financial report: Nichole
  - i. We were working on a Budget of 220. We are at 209 and averaging 214-216 so pretty close to on budget.
  - ii. We are still owed \$135,000 from the holdback
  - iii. Motion to approve the April FY20 and May FY20 Packets. Emily moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously accepted.
  - iv. Motion to approve the FY20 Revised Budget with Revenues totaling \$3,310,705 and Expenses of \$3,310,194 with a profit of \$510 Emily moved. David seconded. Unanimously Accepted
  - v. Motion to approve the FY21 Original Budget with Revenues totaling \$3,738,713 and Expenses of \$3,691,263 with a profit of \$47,450. David moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously Accepted
- b. Director of Operations Report:
  - i. Review Board Policies
    1. Updated Bylaws
      - a. Motion to amend the bylaws to accurately reflect new changes in MN law. David moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously accepted

### 7. Distinctive Schools Update:

- a. N/A



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## 8. Board of Directors Update:

- a. Appreciation for all of the staff.

## 9. MELA Executive Director Report:

- a. School Climate Survey
  - i. Mostly positive response
  - ii. Using data to dig into next year's PD, communication with families and Staffing.
- b. Motion to add a new community member to the school board, Dr. Malai Turnbull. David moved. Paula seconded. Unanimously accepted.
- c. Motion to Approve the School Behavior Matrix. David moved. Paula seconded. Unanimously accepted.
- d. Proposal for School Credit Card
  - i. Discussion with Nichole to see what we could do/ how it all works
  - ii. We need to safeguard against misuse
  - iii. Many layers of protection
  - iv. Write policy around it
- e. IQS Updates
  - i. Formal Action for contract renewal.
  - ii. 3 year contract instead of 5
  - iii. Scored 3s in all except academics. Will amend when academics are at a 3 for a 5 year contract.
  - iv. Motion to approve a contract renewal with IQS. Emily moved. Tomika seconded. Unanimously accepted

## 10. Board Training Matrix:

- a. Update the board matrix

11. **Adjourned at:** 6:32 PM by Joseph Scherer. Next meeting will be: Thursday August 13, 2020 at 5:00 in the school cafeteria unless online due to COVID-19.

12. Entered into Executive Session