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Meeting Minutes
School Board Meeting
March 23, 2015
5:00 pm

Location: 2600 E. 38th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406
Lower Level

Attendees: Wendy Hines, Beryl Wingate, Dorothy Richburg, Jenna Reynolds, Ananyasia Joseph, and Brenda Hill

Staff: Nell Collier, Detrica Chukwu (via Face Time), and Billy Russell

- I. Call to Order –meeting called to order at 5:30p.m
- II. Approval of Agenda-with addition of marketing committee report (BW, BH) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [022315]-add attendees to minutes. Motion to approve minutes pending correction (DR, JR) approved with one abstention [BH]
- IV. Authorizer Communications- FAA is working in collaboration with Minneapolis to share best practices. Approaches will be finalized in upcoming meetings. Other schools are participating including Harvest Prep, Best Academy, and Mastery. Board Chair Wendy Hines reported initial discussions in the search to find a new authorizer.
- V. Financial Update – Finance staff is working on update of policies along with the Finance committee. Staff is investigating the food program to insure that the billing is being done correctly because of the large discrepancy. Motion to accept the financial report for February 2015 (BH, AJ) approval unanimous
- VI. Reports –
 - A. Executive Director- 140 current enrollment; A grant writer has been hired and a grant was submitted for the Target/United Way Spotlight Initiative grant. This \$100,000 grant would provide increased access to technology including a Saturday program and robotics to our school program. Work to resolve heating concerns are in progress. Staffing change- hired Brandon Johnson as 1 on 1 educational assistant. MDE will conduct on-site visit to review Special Education. MCA Math will begin on April 14 after Spring Break.
 - B. Academic Director-Both computer labs are up and running for testing. MDE will be switching from MCA to another assessment called ASA. Motion to accept reports (BW, BH) approval unanimous.

- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Marketing Committee- met on 3/10/15- next meeting will be on 3/24/15 at 5p.m. will be working on marketing plan. Will be starting Kindergarten Round-Up in April. Motion to accept Marketing Report (JR, BW) approval unanimous.
 - B. Fundraising Committee-postponed to next meeting
 - C. Governance Committee-postponed to next meeting
 - D. Executive Committee –postponed to next meeting
 - E. Other- Annual board training, check MACS website
- VIII. Next Meeting- April 27, 2015
- IX. Regular Meeting Adjournment of Board Meeting- at 7:11p.m (BH, BW) approval unanimous.

Submitted by: Anayasia Joseph