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Minutes
School Board Meeting
March 28, 2016
5:00 pm

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

Attendance: Wendy Hines, Carr Kpanyor, Brenda Hill, Steven Belton, Ananyasia Joseph, Beryl Wingate
Staff: B. Charvez Russell
Parent: Danielle Stellner

- I. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 5:12 P.M. by Board Chair
- II. Approval of Agenda (SB, BH) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [2/29/16]- move to next meeting
- IV. Authorizer Communications
 - A. Update
 - B. Board Member Assurances- all members need to sign
- V. Financial Update
 - a. Financial Report- we have a healthy fund balance. We are at 67% of the year and at 70 % of revenue, which is good. We are planning to cancel the T-Mobile agreement. Motion to accept financials (BH, SB) approval unanimous
- VI. Reports
 - a. Executive Director-see report; Expansion- Will need to look at additional sites, permits will not allow to expand at the current location. We are now back to work with IFF and the task force
 - b. Academic Director- None
- VII. **Contracts**
 - a. Diane Robinson Dance-
 - b. Heart and Soul Drum Academy-Motion to approve Diane Robinson Dance and Heart and Soul Drum Academy contracts (SB, BH) approval unanimous
 - c. Sharon Johnson
- VIII. **Expansion-** Will need to look at additional sites, permits will not allow to expand at the current location. We are now back to work with IFF and the task force
- IX. **Strategic Plan**
 - a. Engaging Students- we would like for the board to engage with the students. Possible poetry slam, Week of April 11 is spirit week. Will have a professional day and the board is invited to come share their profession with the students
- X. **Other Requested Actions**
 - A. Committee Reports

- A. Marketing Committee-April recruitment efforts
1 week of FaceBook advertisemet, Ms. Stellner will be helping with marketing, she is a parent and works at TPT. Al McFarland is offering us free advertisement in the Insight paper. Will be rerunning advertisement with Comcast. Will have a table at the African American Woman's Expo at Jimmy Lee Saturday, April 9 from 1-5 and will be having 2 open houses in April
- B. Fundraising Committee- Would like to create ways to show donors how we spend their money and communicate back to them
- C. Governance Committee- did not meet
- D. Executive Committee – did not meet
- E. Board Elections/Board Training- It's time for board elections and as a board member we need annual training.

XI. Next Meeting –Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

XII. Adjournment of Board Meeting –Motion to adjourn at 6:38 P.M. (BH, SB) approval unanimous

*Submitted by Aquanica Joseph
Board Sec.*