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**Meeting Minutes**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**April 27, 2015**  
**5:00 pm**

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Location: 2600 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406  
Lower Level

Attendees: Wendy Hines, Betsy Ohn, Steven Belton, Beryl Wingate, Ananyasia Joseph, and Jenna Reynolds

Staff: Neil Collier, Billy Russell

Parent: Sharmaine Russell

- I. Call to Order- meeting called to order at 5:10 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda (AJ, BW) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [032315] - motion to approve minutes (JR, BW) approval unanimous
- IV. Authorizer Communications- plan to go to board about no longer being the authorizer. Betsy has given Wendy the names of a new authorizer to use. ONS will help to make a smother transition with new authorizer.
- V. Financial Update
  - a. Financial Report- motion to approve financials (SB, JR) approval unanimous
  - b. Form 990- motion to approve Form 990 (SB, AJ) approval unanimous
- VI. Reports –
  - a. Executive Director- current enrollment of 132, with attendance averaging 93.93%. One family of four relocated to the state of Ohio. We are actively engaged and recruiting and enrolling students for the 2015-2016 school year. To date, most parents have responded to the questionnaire sent home. We have 81 students returning, 7 not, and 34 undecided. We sent home parents surveys to see how they evaluate the work we are doing. As soon as they are returned, we will tally and present the survey questions and results to the FAA board. Have applied for United Way/Target Spotlight Initiative Grant of \$100,000. June 1 the entire student body will be going to the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley from 9am-3pm; Grades 1 & 2 have a field trip to the Walker Art Center on May 7, from 9am-Noon; FAA Math Fair will be held May 18; Field Day will be held Friday, May 22 at Sibley Park; Graduation will be held on June 5 from 10am-Noon. FAA received a monitoring visit from the state regarding our food service, though there were small comments, we had no citations. The Special Education monitoring visit went fairly well, we are awaiting a final report from MDE. We are expecting more information from Minneapolis Public Schools Office of New Schools

regarding the type of partnership they want to enter with FAA. Board election information and a parent survey have been sent out to families.

- b. Academic Director- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are scheduled to take the science assessment the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. FAA received a site visit from the Target/United Way team. During the visit the team reviewed the grant we submitted. The team toured the building and was excited to see the number of high yielding strategies being implemented in our classrooms. The team is scheduled to announce the grant recipients sometime during the 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.
- c. School Calendar 2015-2016 School Year- motion to approve calendar with changes. August 24 should be 1-6. Winter break should be 12/21/15-1/1/16. (JR, BW) approval unanimous

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Marketing Committee-see report. Next meeting is May 19.
- B. Fundraising Committee-in search of committee members
- C. Governance Committee-
  - a. Elections-ballots and nominations by May 13.
  - b. Policy Updates- need to update manual; May 30 Board Retreat
- D. Executive Committee –postponed to next meeting
- E. Other-Training Opportunities-State Training Conference each board member needs training annually

VIII. Next Meeting- Monday, May 18, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.

IX. Regular Meeting Adjournment of Board Meeting –Motion to adjourn @ 7:17 P.M. (BW, BW) approval unanimous.

*Submitted by: Ananyia Joseph  
Ananyia Joseph, Sec.*