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Meeting Minutes
School Board Meeting
May 18, 2015
5:00 pm

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

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

Staff: Nell Collier, Billy Russell, Detrica Chukwu, Mary Riley

Parent: Sharmaine Russell

- I. Call to Order- meeting called to order at 5:06 P.M. by board Chair Wendy Hines
- II. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda with changes (BH, JR) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [04/27/15]- Motion to accept minutes (BH, JR) approval unanimous
- IV. Authorizer Communications- none
- V. Financial Update
 - a. Financial Report-presented by D. Richburg. The finance committee is working on policy updates and plans to have available for review at the June board meeting. Motion to accept finance report as given (SB, BH) approval unanimous
 - b. Budget- none
- VI. Reports –
 - a. Executive Director-Actively recruiting for 2015-2016 school year. FAA received the spotlight initiative grant from Target and United Way, which allows for key expansions in technology and science, including robotics. Upcoming Field Day and graduation. The ED and AD met with Betsy Ohn from ONS. The conversation regarded fleshing out details regarding collaboration between FAA and MPS. The AD then attended a follow-up meeting between ONS, FAA, and Nellystone Johnson School.
 1. Contracts
 - i. By Word of Mouth- Increase rate to \$82/hr. Motion to approve (JR, BH) approval unanimous
 - ii. On the Move-Increase rate to \$97/hr. Motion to approve (JR, BH) approval unanimous
 - iii. Innovative Special Education Services-Rate to remain the same (BW, SB) approval unanimous
 - iv. Minnesota Association of Charter Schools

- v. Charter School Partners-Motion to approve MACS and CSP membership fees (BW, AJ) abstain- DR, AJ
 approve- 3 votes JR, WH, BW
 against-2 votes SB, BH
 Motion carries
- b. Academic Director- Mr. Russell is the face of fundraising for FAA. He has been invited to General Mills to talk about FAA.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Marketing Committee-will move forward with the Marketing Plan and develop a budget for it.
 - B. Fundraising Committee-Dr. Wingate will share fundraising tool with the committee.
 - C. Governance Committee-
 - a. Elections May 29, 2015
 - b. Policy Retreat May 30, 2015- 9 A.M. location TBD
 - c. Leadership Transition Planning-Dr. Wingate is willing to head the process
 - d. Policy Updates
 - D. Executive Committee –
- VIII. Next Meeting –June 22, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.
- IX. Regular Meeting Adjournment of Board Meeting – motion to adjourn meeting at 7:23 P.M. (BH, DR) approval unanimous

Submitted by: Ananyia Joseph
Ananyia Joseph, Sec.