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Minutes
School Board Meeting
October 26, 2015
5:00 pm

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

Attendance: Wendy Hines, Carr Kpanyor, Anansia Joseph, Brenda Hill, Dorothy Richburg, Beryl Wingate

Staff: Nell Collier, B. Charvez Russell, Mary Riley

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 5:15 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda (DR, CK) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [092815]- motion to approve 9/28/15 minutes (BH, DR) approval unanimous
- IV. Authorizer Communications- have written our letter of intent to Pillsbury United Communities. Staff is working on application to be submitted by Nov. 1
- V. Financial Update
 - a. Financial Report-we should be at 25% of budget revenue and we are at 35% of budget revenue. Motion to approve financials (BH, AJ) approval unanimous
 - b. Budget Revision-move to next meeting
- VI. Reports –
 - a. Executive Director-current enrollment is 157. If we were to take the MCA now in Grades 3-6 scores would be Math 55% and Reading 45%. Parent Involvement focused on physical and mental Health at the October meeting. 5th and 6th grade students had the opportunity to tour the campus of General Mills. All scholars had the opportunity to experience the Duct Tape Tour focused on bully prevention. Art Fair is to be held November 20th from 1-2:30 P.M. followed by the Scholar Learning performance from 2:30-4 P.M. Motion to approve ED report (BH, DR) approval unanimous.
 - b. Academic Director- included in Executive Director report.
- VII. Contracts
 - A. A Chance to Grow- motion to approve (BH, AJ) approval unanimous
 - B. Dakota Academic- motion to approve (BH, CK) approval unanimous
 - C. Givens Foundation for African American Literature- motion to approve (BH, DR) approval unanimous
 - D. Innocent Technologies- compliments PBIS. Designed for urban schools. This will teach adults skills that help communication with the students and help reduce office visits. Most schools have a 50% drop in office visits. Mr. Russell is tracking daily office visits. Motion to approve (AJ, DR) approval unanimous
 - E. Lemontree- motion to approve (BH, DR) approval unanimous
- VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Marketing Committee- looking at running a commercial with Comcast. Still looking at partnering with St. Paul Agencies. Would like to do some type of press release either monthly or bimonthly
 - B. Fundraising Committee-Razzoo site- received \$1,000 donation. Give to the Max Day is coming up. The committee would like to solicit ideas from staff and create a task force between teachers and parents
 - C. Governance Committee-did not meet
 - D. Executive Committee – did not meet
- IX. Other Items-
- A. Planning Retreat to Discuss Expansion- A retreat is planned to discuss the personnel, demographics and facilities issues around potential expansion. We would bring in people that have expertise in school financing and growth. Potential date December 12, 2015 at Pinstripes
- X. Next Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2015
- XI. Adjournment of Board Meeting – motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. (DR, BW) approval unanimous

Submitted by: Ananyia Joseph
Ananyia Joseph, Sec.