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Meeting Minutes
School Board Meeting
November 16, 2015
5:00 pm

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

Attendees: Wendy Hines, Dorothy Richburg, Anansia Joseph, Brenda Hill, Carr Kpanyor
Staff: Nell Collier, Billy Russell, M. Riley, M. Topps, L. Smith, A. Nelson, E. Nance, K. Patton, A. Kidd, K. White, A. King, M. Williams, K. Hill, M. Langley, J. Sabal, V. Stevenson, J. Henderson, A. Alabi, A. Murphy

- I. Call to Order –meeting called to order at 5:16 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda- (AJ, BH) approval unanimous
- III. Minutes [10/26/15]-Motion to approve minutes pending correction (BH, CK) approval unanimous.
- IV. Authorizer Communications- Pillsbury House came out and did a site visit on November 11. They interviewed the Board Chair and parents. They visited all classrooms except 1st grade. On November 23 they will go before presentation advisory council and will make recommendation to board and then to their board, then to MDE.
- V. Financial Update – audit in progress
- VI. Reports - Executive Director- 155 current enrollment; piloting a program in collaboration with Wells Fargo to conduct financial literacy with our students; student council elections were recently held, Congressman Keith Ellison was in attendance to speak with the scholars about the importance of being involved. Speaking with numerous agencies to help with social and emotional issues. December 5 is Dread Scott Day; there is an essay contest also. This is the first month that we reintroduced our newsletter. Staff recently completed their innocent classroom training to be able to identify behaviors that result from what our scholars experience in life. First Artstravaganza on November 20th.
Academic Director- Innocent Classrooms. Curriculum- will prepare to roll out a curriculum at a glance as well as a pacing guide to aide teachers, parents and students with what is expected at each grade level along with what will be taught and the length of time we will be teaching each content area. Lesson Plans- will continue to follow the SIOP model for the development of lesson plans. Accountability Testing- Students took sample MCA- in mathematic and reading and it is clear that our students

are on track to meeting state expectations. The baseline test revealed that we have to address a number of areas in mathematics across all grade levels.

Motion to accept reports of Executive Director and Academic Director (BH, CK)
approval unanimous

VII. Contracts

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Marketing Committee- November 10th Mini workshop with Lemon Tree
-build brand awareness, strategic communication, everyone will have business cards, effective website and social media, how we tell our story, quality print publications, possible media relations

B. Fundraising Committee-postponed to next meeting

C. Governance Committee-postponed to next meeting

D. Executive Committee –postponed to next meeting

IX. Other Items-

A. Planning Retreat to Discuss Expansion- Reschedule for January 2016

B. Board Staff Dinner Immediately Following the Meeting

X. Adjournment of Board Meeting- at 5:46p.m (BH, BW) approval unanimous.



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Minutes School Board Emergency Meeting December 16, 2015 5:30 pm

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

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

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

Guest: Attorney John Cairns

- I. Call to Order – meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Board Chair
- II. Approval of Agenda- motion to approve agenda (DR, BH) approval unanimous
- III. Authorizer Decision-Motion to accept resolution as stated with July 2016 date (AJ, BH) approval unanimous
- IV. Desegregation Suit Participation-Be a part of the party in the case; being a part of the case creates a steering committee. See Briggs and Morgan and John Cairns letters as attachments. Motion to approve resolution presented with changes (dates and attachments) (BH, CK) approval unanimous
- V. Contracts
 - A. John Cairns, Attorney-Motion to accept engagement letter by Attorney John Cairns (BW, BH) approval unanimous
- VI. Next Meeting –Monday, December 21, 2015 at 5 pm
- VII. Adjournment of Board Meeting-motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm (AJ, BH) approval unanimous