



Upper Mississippi Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
June 4, 2013
University of St. Thomas
Room 318 O'Shaughnessy Science Hall, (OSS), St. Paul, MN
4:00-5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attending:

Dr. Brad Blue (Executive Director)
Amy Elverum
John Hehre (Treasurer)
Dr. Bonnie Holub (Chair)
Marcia Houtz (Secretary)
Nancy Lyons
Martin Sabo
Pat Peterson Ware

Phil Moye (Visitor from IQS)

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

1. Welcome.
2. Approve Minutes of 5/7/13 Board Meeting
Approved
3. Program Design and Professional Development Update
Garden Party on June 12 at school site.
Professional Development offerings for June described.
4. Outreach and Recruiting
As of June 1, UMA has enrolled 178 6th grade students (capacity 200) and 85 9th grade students (capacity 100).
Clockwork's contributions noted.
5. Treasurer's Report
J. Hehre noted that BKDA has been valuable and helpful.

Adjustments were made to the budget.
On July 15 we will receive information on MDE monies.
There was discussion on timing of expenditures.
Moved to accept the budget. Approved.

6. Proposed Vendor Contracts/Proposals
Action is required on all of the contracts/proposals.
 - 7.1 Information and Educational Systems (TIES)
 - 7.2 Innovative Special Education Services Technology (ISES)
 - 7.3 Wilderness Inquiry
 - 7.4 MacPhail Center for Music
 - 7.5 Done Rights Food Services

After discussion, J. Hehre moved that all above contracts be accepted. A. Elverum seconded the motion. Motion carried

Chairperson Holub suggested that a technology committee be formed.

7. Facilities Update
Dr. B. Blue outlined the recent changes made.
8. Lease Aid application status
Application is due to MDE on 1 July
9. Calendar
Calendar for school year 2013-14 was presented. A. Elverum moved to accept,
Seconded by N. Lyons. Approved.
10. Board Items
The present Board Membership expires on July 1, 2013. Chair Holub will contact each present Board Member to discuss terms.
11. Other Business
SciGirls program was recognized for their excellent contribution to science literacy.
12. Next Board Meeting will be on 25 June, 2013.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Program Design & Professional Development

06.24.2013

Program Design

Weekly and Bi-Weekly Meetings with Lead Teachers on the Development Team to finalize lessons/modules, course descriptions, identify needed resources for classrooms.

Approximately 300 students and family members gathered at the UMA site on June 12th to plant the straw bale garden that will support the ESY in the fall. Families “gifted” plants, tools, and equipment.

Summer reading lists created and sent to enrolled students. Pursuing relationships with local bookstores and libraries to support the reading requirements at UMA. Plan and support family/student gatherings.

Student Get-Togethers

July

9th Grade Bike and Bites- A 2-hour bike tour of our neighborhood ending at Minnehaha Falls with refreshments at the end of the bike ride.

6th Grade Picnic – Place to be determined

August

9th Grade A Walk Through the Walker-An Exploration of the Walker Art Museum and Sculpture Garden

Planning for the Fall

Weekly meetings with Karen Kennedy or ISES (Innovative Special Education Services) to review student information in order to identify the specific needs of the UMA special education student population as articulated by the student’s IEP (Individualized Education Program).

Continued meetings with partners who are supporting the learning program at UMA: Wilderness Inquiry, Textile Center, MacPhail, National Park Service, Historic Fort Snelling, DNR, etc.

Professional Development

23-27 June

Edible Schoolyard Academy, Berkeley, CA, Bryon Adams and Marian Hehre

24-28 June

Center for EcoLiteracy Conference-Berkeley, CA, Becoming Ecoliterate: A New Integration of Emotional, Social, and Ecological Intelligence, Catherine Jordan/Pat Peterson-Werre

24-26 June

Play the Past: Field Trip of the 21st Century; Minnesota History Center (Free Teacher Workshop)

Teacher Recruitment

Continue the interviewing/hiring process for 3 6th grade teachers and 2 Special Education teachers.



Outreach & Recruiting

As of 20 June, UMA has enrolled 182 6th grade students (capacity 200) and 84 9th grade students (capacity 100).

UMA Informational Meetings and Outreach Efforts

1. 11.07.2012 Community Meeting, Lake Country School
2. 11.27.2012 Community Meeting, Home of Julie Sabo
3. 11.28.2012 Community Meeting, Pearl Park
4. 11.29.2012 Community Meeting, Home of Ellis Peterson
5. 12.04.201 Community Meeting, Matthews Park
6. 12.27.2012 Community Meeting, Bethlehem Child Care
7. 01.03.2013 Community Meeting, Home of Katie and Mark Mortenson
8. 01.07.2013 Community Meeting, Longfellow Park
9. 01.10.2013 School Information Fair, Partnership Academy
10. 01.10.2013 Minneapolis School Choice Fair, Minneapolis Convention Center
11. 01.15.2013 School Visit and Presentation, Best Academy
12. 01.16.2013 Community Meeting, Home of Ned and Kristi Zimmerman-Bence
13. 01.24.2013 Community Meeting, Sibley Park (over 100+ attended)
14. 01.30.2013 School Choice Fair, Whittier School
15. 01.30.2013 Community Meeting, Home of Hiromi Mizuno
16. 02.07.2013 Community Meeting, Pearl Park
17. 02.09.2013 First 100+ Enrolled students and families gathered at BaseCamp
18. 02.11.2013, Community Meeting, Farview Park
19. 02.12.2013 Community Meeting, East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center
20. 02.20.2013 Community Meeting, Folwell Park
21. 02.20.2013 School Visit and Presentation, New City Charter School
22. 03.06.2013 Community Meeting, Hillcrest Park, St. Paul
23. 03.07.2013 Community Meeting, Home of Monica Gihl
24. 03.16.2013 Minneapolis Convention Center during Somali Event
25. 03.18.2013 Community Meeting, Home of Lynette Lamb
26. 04.04.2013 Community Meeting, Rev. Dr. M.L. King Jr. Recreation Center and Park
27. 04.08.2013 Community Meeting, Windom South Community Center
28. 04.17.2013 Community Meeting, Stewart Recreation Center
29. 04.21.2013 Community Meeting, Cedar-Riverside Plaza
30. 04.22.2013 Community Meeting, Brian Coyle Recreation Center
31. 04.24.2013 Meet with Placement Staff, Cedar-Riverside Community School

32. 04.25.201 Recruitment Dinner & Informational Meeting, Partnership Academy
33. 04.26.2013 Marian Hehre at Somali Autism Event, Safari Restaurant
34. 05.07.2013 Community Meeting, Morris Recreation Center
35. 05.18.2013 350 enrolled students & parents - Historic Fort
36. 05.20.2013 Met with Mohamed of Ka Joog (Somali Community Organization)
37. 05.20.2013 Blue interviewed on KMOJ
38. 05.21.2013 Community Meeting, Corcoran Recreation Center
39. 05.22.2013 UROCK (North Minneapolis)
40. 05.22.2013 Media event on site, managed by John Anderson (PSB)
41. 06.12.2013 First official UMA Garden Party (100+ students and families attended)
42. 06.27.2013 East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center - scheduled
43. 07.10.2013 Powderhorn Recreation Center - scheduled

Web launched: Phase 2 on 05.09.2013

No of AMM Registrants: 1,880 as of 12:35 am 06.23.2013

John Anderson (Senior Director, Consumer Marketing, Padilla Speer Beardsley) managed the media/messaging post DNR announcement on 05.16.2013

<http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2013/05/19/education/charter-school-at-fort-snelling>

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<http://www.startribune.com/local/west/207732061.html>

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