



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 24 September 24, 2013
Upper Mississippi Academy
2 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111.4000
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attending:

Blue, B (Executive Director)
Elverum, A
Hehre, J. (Treasurer)
Holun, B. (Chair)
Houtz, M (Secretary)
Lyons, Nancy
Sabo, M

Guests:

Kara Gaffy, BKDA
Julie Gleason, parent
Catherine Jordan, Director of Advancement & Partnership Relations
Phil Moye, Innovative Quality School (Authorizer)

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve the minutes** of the previous meeting made by Martin Sabo, seconded by Amy Elverum. Motion passed.
3. **Enrollment Report.** Currently there are 138 sixth graders and 62 ninth graders.
4. **Background Checks.** All staff are cleared. Twelve volunteers cleared.
5. **Facilities.** There are 15 learning spaces plus two at the Fort. A new copier in place and Internet coming soon. Lease with Boy Scouts approved. Work on the lease with Upper

Mississippi Development Corporation ongoing. Need for 25 more learning spaces plus cooking facilities for next school year.

6. **Board Requirements.** Present Board Member terms have expired but all are reappointed for another term. An additional member, Chris Curry (parent) has been added. Amy Elverum moved to accept the Board for another year. Martin Sabo seconded and motion passed.
7. **Advancement.** Catherine Jordan reported the following:
 - Contribution from the Mortensen Foundation of \$15,000.
 - A grant request for increasing enrollment from communities of color has been submitted to the Minneapolis Foundation.
 - “Give to the Max Day” plans are underway. Board members are invited to contribute.
 - Padilla Speer Beardsley donated \$25,000. In-kind
 - There is an opportunity to apply for an onsite radio station. Application due October 15, 2013.
8. **Treasurer’s Report.** John Hehre presented the audit done by Kern, Dewenter, Viere, LTD. Marcia Houtz moved to accept the audit report with a second by Amy Elverum. Accepted. Amy Elverum moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Martin Sabo. Accepted.
9. **COO Position.** Brad Blue suggested that John Hehre be appointed COO of UMA. Martin Sabo moved the acceptance, seconded by Amy Elverum. Approved. Martin Sabo and John Hehre were thanked for their hard work.
10. **Authorizer Comments.** Dr. Phil Moyer provided an update on the discussion of including Pre-K in the Upper Mississippi Academy.
11. **Other Business.** There will be a School of Choice Open House on Saturday, October 5 at Como Park. UMA will have a table, staffed by parents, students, and several Board Members.
12. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Houtz, Secretary