

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

UMA, 2 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, MN 55111.4000

4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attending:

Blue, B. (Executive Director)

Currie, C.

Elverum, A.

Hehre, J. (Treasurer)

Holub, B. (Chair)

Houtz, M. (Secretary)

Peterson, P.

Sabo, M.

Said Sheik-Abdi

Guests:

UMA Staff

Kara Gaffy TKDA

Brad Lis

Ned Zimmerman-Bence

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 4:19 p.m.
2. **Motion to approve the minutes** of the previous meeting made by Chris Currie, seconded by Amy Elverum. Motion passed.
3. **Outreach/Recruiting.**
 - There has been a positive response to adding 10th grade, as noted in a meeting of parents last week.
 - Enrollment for 6th grade is now 143 with approximately 35 on the wait list.
 - Seventh grade enrollment is about the same (143) with approximately 20 on the wait list.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - The parent base is being organized regarding fundraising, extracurricular, parent communication, and events. The Board recognized their efforts and offered thanks for their work.
 - Martin Sabo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by A. Elverum. Motion passed.

5. **Facilities/Development.** If UMA is housed in the present facilities, space will be very tight.
6. **Other Business.** Philip Moyer has been working on compliances and diligences. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, April 8 at 4:30.

- Some of the UMA teachers are on leave from Minneapolis schools and will soon have to give their notice of intent to return or not for the 2014-2015 school year. Therefore, they will need to know soon if UMA is to continue for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Martin Sabo made the motion to include Brad Lis in the meeting. Seconded by Chris Curry and motion passed.
- Brad Lis from Mortenson Construction stated that the school could still be a tenant in the current buildings going forward. However, the buildings formerly selected for retrofitting will not be available. The additional money UMA was to raise to support the endeavor has not been forthcoming.

The Board met in Executive Session, Brad Lis, Brad Blue, Julie Blue, and faculty and visitors were excused.

- Discussion on the viability of the school for the coming year was held. The Board voted unanimously to continue the school in the fall of 2014 while seeking another permanent site.

Julie and Brad Blue were invited to rejoin the meeting.

- Julie and Brad Blue indicated that they will not continue in their current roles with UMA next year. The reason given is that the curriculum developed is designed primarily to fit the Fort Snelling site and would not be suitable elsewhere.
- Discussion on the viability of the school continued.

The Board recessed at 7:10 p.m. and decided to meet again via teleconference on 3/5 at 4:30 p.m.

Telecon Wednesday 3/5/14

- The Board reconvened via teleconference including B. Blue, A. Elverum, J. Hehre, B. Holub, M. Houtz, P. Peterson, M. Sabo, S. Sheik-Abdi at 4:30 p.m.
- Discussion on the viability of the school continued.
- Discussion continued in Executive session. Brad Blue was excused on the continued discussion of the viability of the school.
- The Board resolved to convene with the UMA staff on Friday, March 7 at 4:45 p.m. to apprise them on these issues. Brad Blue was brought back to discuss logistics of calling a meeting with the Board.
- A faculty meeting, originally set for 3/6/14 will be cancelled, with a new meeting called on 3/7/14.

The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m. with plans to reconvene with the faculty on 3/7/14.

Meeting with Faculty 3/7/14

The Board reconvened at 4:45 p.m. on Friday 3/7/14, with faculty, Brad Blue and Julie Blue present.

- Julie Blue and then Brad Blue explained their intentions to the faculty, and then were excused from the meeting.
- The Board discussed the viability of the school with the faculty.

The Board withdrew to Executive Session, excusing the faculty.

- Plans were made to create a summary document to the families and community of UMA filling them in on the developments, and the Blues' departure.

The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.