



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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

4:30 p.m.

### **Minutes**

#### **Attending:**

Blue, B. (Executive Director)

Hehre, J. (Treasurer)

Holub, B. (Chair)

Houtz, M. (Secretary)

Peterson, P.

Sabo, M.

#### **Guests:**

UMA Parents and Prospective Parents

UMA Staff-- Dina Berray and Jason Jirsa

Kara Gaffy BKDA

Phil Moyer IQS Authorizer

1. **Welcome.** The meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m. with Chair B. Holub welcoming visitors. Introductions were made all around. Visitors who wished to speak were asked to limit their comments to three minutes, to allow enough time for everyone to speak.
  - Several parents spoke in support of the school, with emphasis on attributes of the teaching staff. Others requested easier access to school information on the website and offered willingness to help with this endeavor. Others asked for shared vision for leadership and information on the transitional plan. Another concern was on enrollment, again with the offer to work on the enrollment committee. Yet another parent asked for greater communication transparency. The challenge of the future site was raised, with the desire to keep it here, calling it an awe-inspiring place.
2. **Motion to approve the minutes** of the previous meeting made by Martin Sabo, seconded by Pat Peterson. Motion passed.

3. **Additional Directors.** John Hehre reported that one person has shown interest in the position and conversations with other charter school groups have taken place.

Dina Berray and Jason Jirsa have been selected by their peers to join the Board of Directors. John Hehre moved to accept their membership, seconded by Martin Sabo. Motion approved. Chair Holub welcomed them to the Board.

Brad Blue reminded the Board of compulsory board training for new members.

4. **Committees**

There will be three faculty members and one Board member to be named to the Finance Committee. The staff who volunteered are: Chris Mortensen, Leanna Stone, Maria Larson, and Brian Wachutcha.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

John Hehre presented the financial report and he moved to accept the report, seconded by Jason Jirsa. Motion passed.

John Hehre presented the revised budget for FY 2014, moved to accept it, seconded by Dina Berray and motion passed.

6. **Search Committee.** Two teachers, Dina Berray and Mark Dallmann have been named to the committee and two parents will be asked to serve, as well. Roles and responsibilities of this position will be determined. Faculty will be involved in the selection process. The job listing, matrix and scores from last year, as well as the infrastructure are in place.

7. **Enrollment**

- Dina Berray has send a survey to parents of returning sixth graders and received the following responses: 71 said they would return, two said no, and seven were maybe. Phone calls will be made to those who did not respond.

The survey for upcoming sixth grade is as follows: Out of 99 surveys sent, 44 responded. The results are: 34 yes, eight no, and 22 maybe.

The survey results for new seventh graders are as follows: 18 were sent, with 11 responding. Five said yes and six said maybe.

The Enrollment Committee will include Dina Berray, Mark Dallmann, Chris Mortenson, Ned Zimmerman-Bence, and Marcia Houtz.

8. **Communication**

Denise Goldman, parent, has proposed a plan to produce a newsletter to include information from parents, Board meetings, and other general school information such as fundraising and deadlines. Ms. Goldman suggested weekly updates to the website, as well.

9. **Facilities.** John Hehre has been in conversation with Brad Lis of Mortenson Construction. The DNR has expressed hopes that we will go forward with planning.
10. **Development and Financing.** Dan Loritz is still working on fundraising. Entities that will be approached for funds include the Bush Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation, and the General Mills Foundation (funding tied to the Edible Schoolyard project).

Dina Berray reported that the Tangletown Fundraiser netted the school \$745 from selling shares of fresh vegetable subscriptions, known as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

11. **Site Selection.** No report.
12. **PTCA.** No report.
13. **Other.** Phil Moyer expressed concern over the projected deficit. He asked Chairman Holub if she is willing to attend an IQS Board Meeting. He said that he is most impressed with the educational program and that there is considerable support for the program. IQS would like written documents and explanations of such from the Board.
  - **MCA Testing.** The school is required to test the sixth grade students in reading and math. The testing window is April 28-May 1. Julie and Brad Blue, as well as Molly Koppes will be the coordinators.
14. **Policies** Discussion of required school policies held. Bonnie Holub moved that the printed policies be accepted. P. Peterson seconded and motion passes with three ayes and one abstain.
14. **Adjourned** at 6:31 p.m.