

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 20, 2016 @ 4:45pm
Upper Mississippi Academy
426 Osceola Ave. S. - St. Paul, MN 55102

Attendees:

- Adler, Harry (Executive Director)
- Elverum, Amy (Dean of Students, Director of Special Education)
- **Ernst, Lesley**
- **Hong, Krista**
- Kephart, Dean (IQS)
- **Klancher, Joe**
- **Ludden, Janet**
- **Mortenson, Chris**
- Payton, Abbe (Director of Advancement)
- **Schneider, Adam**
- **Svensrud, Chris**

Welcome & Mission Minute

- Attendees shared examples of the UMA Mission in action.
- Dean Kephart, from IQS, was introduced. Dean is assigned to UMA and 2 other schools, focusing on vision, mission and governance.

Approval of November Minutes

- A minor typo was corrected.
- Motion to approve November Minutes: Joe Klancher
- Second: Adam Schneider
- Motion Passed

Policy Updates (Consent Agenda)

- Discussion: Policy additions and updates include Homeless/Highly Mobile Student Policy, Title I Parent Involvement, and Enrollment policy.
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda: Lesley Ernst
- Second: Joe Klancher
- Motion Passed

Finance Committee Report

- Joe Klancher presented the Finance Committee Report.
- A request was made that at next board meeting we have a mid-year summary report/statement on UMA finances.

World's Best Workforce Report (WBWF)

- This report is required by the Minnesota Department of Education. It may also inform an annual report.

- Harry reviewed highlights of the current draft WBWF/annual report.
- Amy reviewed the process and timeline for WBWF.
- Chris Mortenson recommended that UMA's first annual report be published in the fall of 2017, for 2016-17 school year.

Belief Statements

- Discussion: Draft 2 of Belief Statements was shared by Chris Mortenson.
- Next Steps: Board will provide input on Draft 3 of Belief Statements

Strategic Plan

- Janet Ludden shared an update of the Strategic Plan and next steps.

PTO Update

- Krista Hong, as board liaison to the UMA PTO, shared an update on her consultation with current PTO leaders.

Executive Director's Report

- Harry Adler shared a handout and update on school activities.

Director of Advancement Report

- Abbe Payton summarized the Advancement Umbrella, and a breakdown of the overall fundraising goal for the school year of \$100,000.

Board Elections & Annual Meeting date

- The Board determined that the next UMA Board of Directors election date will be March 2, 2017 in conjunction with school conferences.
- An ad hoc election committee will be formed in January 2017.

Public Comment

- No Public attended this meeting.

Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.