

School Name Upper Mississippi Academy		
Charter Number		
	Board Meeting	August 17, 2021
Address 19 East Exchange St. St. Paul, MN 55105		
Authorizer Innovative Quality Systems		

Call to Order

By	Chad Lauber
Time	4:50

Roll Call

Board Member Names	Present	Absent
Chad Lauber (Parent)	x	
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)	x	
David Born (Parent)	x	
Anna Walters (Teacher)	x	
Dina Berray (Teacher)	x	
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)	x	
Pat Maxwell (Community)	x	
Thao Pao Moua (Community)		x
Tisa Mitchell (Community)		x

Others Present	Role	Comment
Amy Erickson	Staff	
Amy Elverum	Staff	
Alissa Abelson	Staff	

In the Matter of	Minutes of the Prior Meeting. (July, 2021)				
Motion to Approve	By Breimhorst	2nd	By Born		
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
Board Member					
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x			
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x			
David Born (Parent)		x			
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x			
Dina Berray (Teacher)		x			
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)		x			
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x			
Thao Pao Moua (Community)	x				
Tisa Mitchell (Community)	x				

Minor corrections made.

In the Matter of	Agenda for the Current Meeting				
Motion to Approve	By Born	2nd	By Breimhorst		
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
Board Member					
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x			
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x			
David Born (Parent)		x			
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x			
Dina Berray (Teacher)		x			
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)		x			
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x			
Thao Pao Moua (Community)	x				
Tisa Mitchell (Community)	x				

Minor corrections (1) item referencing E-Learning in Policy/Handbook Approvals was approved in the July meeting. Item removed from August agenda.

(2). Statement on Board Code of Conduct (Prepared by Breimhorst) was added to the agenda.

Public Comment
Comment: None

In the Matter of	Financial Report			
Discussion led by Mindy Wachter and Pat Maxwell				
<p>Comment: Maxwell initiated the discussion by reporting on the Finance Committee decision to assume a more pro-active role with respect to financial reporting. One major change they are implementing with the accountants is to move to a (more or less) quarterly reporting to the full Board unless circumstances require more frequent reports. Doing so will free more Board meeting time and will reduce the time required of Ms. Wachter. This decision was seen as desirable by all concerned. Wachter presented the report due at the August meeting.</p>				
Motion to Approve the report and to adopt the working budget as the Approved Budget	By Born	2nd	By Berray	
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x		
Dina Berray (Teacher)		x		
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		
Thao Pao Moua (Community)	x			
Tisa Mitchell (Community)	x			

In the Matter of	Policy/Handbook Approvals			
Discussion led by Chad Lauber (Certain policies by Erickson and/or Elverum)				
<p>Comment As follows: Religious Observance – Tabled: Maxwell is seeking clarification with legal counsel on this item Mask Policy – Approved (Breimhorst moved and Born seconded a motion to permit Erickson to communicate the policy to students and parents immediately.) Student/Family Handbook – Approved (Born/Maxwell) Staff Handbook – Approved, pending minor changes, including a modification changing firearms to a more inclusive term, weapons (Born/Walters) Board of Directors Code of Conduct – Approved pending enhanced statement on attendance at meetings. (Jurewicz/Breimhorst)</p>				

Motion to approve, as noted above	By Various	2nd	By Various	
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x		
Dina Berray (Teacher)		x		
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		
Thao Pao Moua (Community)	x			
Tisa Mitchell (Community)	x			

In the Matter of	Strategic Planning – hiring a coordinator/facilitator			
Discussion led by Lauber				
<p>Comment: Addressing the question raised at the August meeting of the Board on strategic planning, the discussion centered on approval of approving a budget item for contracting services.</p> <p>During the discussion, Erickson noted that she has one or two leads, and additional inquiries are underway.</p>				
Motion to Approve expenditure of up to \$10,000 for the services of a strategic Planning Coordinator (May be increased pending a vote of the Board)	By Born	2nd	By Maxwell	
Vote	Absent	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Board Member				
Chad Lauber (Parent)		x		
Zoe Breimhorst (Parent)		x		
David Born (Parent)		x		
Anna Walters (Teacher)		x		
Dina Berray (Teacher)		x		
Mickey Jurewicz (Teacher)		x		
Pat Maxwell (Community)		x		
Thao Pao Moua (Community)	x			
Tisa Mitchell (Community)	x			

In the Matter of	An alternative planning day – Informational item
Discussion led by. Jurewicz	
<p>Comment The 2021-22 schedule opens up September 10th and 29th, days in which additional school activities will be made available to students. Staff is planning a Career Day and hopes to involve Board members to the extent possible. One-hour presentations/student discussions are being planned. Jurewicz will send a formal request out within a matter of days. A prompt response is requested.</p>	
Vote	
None Required	

In the Matter of	Director’s Report
Discussion led by Amy Erickson and Amy Elverum	
<p>Comment: Covid regulations are unfolding daily through MDoE and MDoH. Lease negotiation are still pending, staff and teachers are reading themselves and the building for the coming year; some external landscaping matters (tree removal) are underway and will be completed soon. Enrollment seems to be “strong” at 290, and <u>may</u> reach 310+ by August 30th.</p>	

Comment: Other than when a specific question (motion) is under consideration, the Director’s Report itself does not require a vote.

In the Matter of	Adjournment				
	Comment There being no further business, the Chair requested a motion for adjournment.				
Motion	To Approve	By	Born	2 nd	None required
Vote	By Consensus	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Action
	x				Approved

Adjourned	
By	Chad Lauber
Time	6:55