



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
August 22, 2022
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

MINUTES

Board Members:	Ex-Officio Members:	Advisory Members:
☐ Melissa Jensen	☒ Mongsher Ly	☐ Luis Brown-Pena
☒ Tamara Mattison		☒ Ralph Elliott
☒ Fong Lor		
☐ Nancy Smith		
☒ Caley Long		
☐ Yu Yin Liao		
☒ Ronsoie Xiong		
☐ Chao Yang		

Staff and Guests Attending:

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Meeting called to order by Fong Lor, Vice Board Chair at 4:39 PM in-person

Acceptance of Agenda

Corrections made: none
Board Motion: Approve the agenda
Board Member motioning to approving agenda: Long
Board Member seconding the motion: Mattison
Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of June 20, 2022 Minutes

Board Motion: to approve the minutes
Board Member motioning to approve the minutes: Long
Board Member seconding the motion: Xiong
Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Reports/Presentation

Board Member Reports/Ex-Officio Member Presentations:

Board Chair, Melissa Jensen: none to report (not present)

Treasurer, Dr. Tamara Mattison reviewed snapshot for July financials; see PDF for additional information

Superintendent, Dr. Ly:

OPERATIONS:

General:

- Official 20th year of UA!

Staffing:

- Still in need of 4th and 6th grade teachers; we have two subs in the meantime until we can hire

Facility:

- Lease aid approved by MDE
- Negotiations for the build-out continue; budget of \$800K - 1 million. Ryan at Lumen Christi will speak with Dr. Ly to craft a plan for a springtime start for a hopeful finish date by next fall 2023
- Gym bleachers installed during this upcoming winter break

COVID-19:

- Indoor masking to continue this school year
- Recess and lunch breaks to come back this academic year, plus all general celebrations throughout the year
- Staff and student COVID testing to continue every Wednesday

School Calendar/Events:

- Staff returns next Monday for staff development week
- Students back in building after Labor Day

ACADEMICS:

- Reading and Math programs have been revamped from previous years; from supplies to assessments to observations: have all been changed.
- Social Studies and Science will also shift this academic year
- We will also be putting a large emphasis on MCA planning starting in October

BUDGET/FINANCE DISCUSSIONS:

- Audit season is now in motion (estimated 3-4 audits through November)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/DONATIONS:

- JP4 after school program: hopeful to have them during the school year
- Tennis and Securian will continue this fall after a 2 year break

CHARTER SCHOOL LEGISLATION NEWS:

- N/A

BOARD BUSINESS

- What would we like to see for next year? Consider thoughts. Maddens is a win for many! July 21-23 penciled in for retreat

Motion: to approve the board member reports

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Xiong

Board member seconding the motion: Mattison

Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Board Consent Agenda:

Motion: to approve the board consent agenda
Board member motioning to approve the board consent agenda: Long
Board member seconding the motion: Mattison
Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Old Business:

- Recap of retreat: morning session was helpful for everyone about where we stand and where we are going; Dr. Ly shared deep appreciation for the board and how we operate
- Fong shared it was good to get to know everyone more deeply but perhaps staff wasn't 100% with meal-times
- Ralph shared that staff is mostly international and new each year so it makes sense they are learning every time we are there
- Consider doing more activities next year (horseback riding, golf, lawn games, change the tee time? More Saturday afternoon activities)

New Business:

- None

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- None

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM
Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Long
Board member seconding the motion: Xiong
Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM

Next meeting: September 19, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in-person