



Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
October 21, 2013
St. Paul, MN
5:30 PM

MINUTES

Board Members:

Ex-Officio Members:

Advisory Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongsher Ly	<input type="checkbox"/> Luis Brown-Pena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamara Mattison		<input type="checkbox"/> Pamela Young
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fong Lor		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mai Saevang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Evans		<input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Elliott
<input type="checkbox"/> Roger Sykes		<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Scott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Smith		

☒ **Staff and Guests Attending:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Curiel (ACET)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Hodnefield (HLB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meeting called to order by Board Chair – M. Jensen at 5:29 PM

Board Minutes taken by Kristin Evans

Acceptance of Agenda

Corrections made: none

Board Motion: Approve the agenda.

Board Member motioning to approving agenda: Smith

Board Member seconding the motion: Lor

Unanimously approved

Approval of June 17 and September 16, 2013 Minutes

Corrections made: none

Board Motion: to approve the June 17 and September 16, 2013 minutes
Board Member motioning to approve the June 17 and September 16, 2013 minutes:
Smith

Board Member seconding the motion: Lor
Unanimously approved

Conflict of Interest

none

Reports/Announcements

- Finance Audit
 - Clean report
 - 1 audit adjustment—no uncorrected misstatements
 - Look at the MDNA section of the report for explanation of the numbers
 - increase in fund balance
 - out of short term debt as of June
 - MDE has the report already
 - will prepare tax forms for the school
 - future: accounting, tax, regulatory standards: new government accounting standard (will impact the outline of the balance sheet)

Board Motion: to accept the finance audit report
Board Member motioning to accept the finance audit report: Evans
Board Member seconding the motion: Smith

- Academic data presentation (Principal Vang and Joseph Curiel)
 - increase in proficiency over the last 3 years in reading and math
 - NEO wants UA to look closer at the non proficient students and learn more about them
 - Proficiency and growth and the two best measures/indicators of success
 - Not much difference in proficiency between students that are new and returning

Board Motion: to accept the academic data presentation
Board Member motioning to accept the academic data presentation :Mattison
Board Member seconding the motion: Lor

Board Chair Updates – M. Jensen

- nothing to report

Finance Chair Report – T. Mattison

- The State is currently paying Urban Academy based on 267 ADM. The percentage of state aids payable during the current school year is currently based on 86.4% based on a schedule of 90% pro-rated over 16 periods. Based on the Minnesota Management and Budget July economic update, it appears likely that beginning on October 15, 2013, the current year aid payment percentage will increase to 90 percent of estimated state aid entitlement.

Executive Director Report – Dr. Ly

ADMINISTRATION DUTIES:

- MARSS submission report due October 1st: current 286 ADM
- Qualified for finance award
- Facility search continuing (the committee will be meeting next week)

OPERATIONS:

- Holiday meal on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 12 pm-3 pm
- Toy Drive starting next week
 - Securian and YMCA will buying a gift for each student from a wish list
 - Toys for Tots helps to provide toys
- Clothing drive for families during the holiday meal

BUDGET/FINANCE DISCUSSIONS:

- Line of Credit discussion with Sunrise Bank-->asked for \$150,000

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/DONATIONS

- Securian volunteers (50+) have started with students
- Sunrise Bank to help provide monetary support for the toy drive
- First round of swimming lessons is ending, the next group will be starting soon in November
- Host a partner event to show academic progress?
- Afterschool program is going well (35 students currently attending)
- Experience Works (elderly working program): currently have 4
- Hamline's ESL department, St. Kate's Social Work, and St. Thomas's Social Work programs are working with our school by sending students to gain experience
- the U of M vet program is interested in returning to work with our students

Board motion: to approve the reports

Board member motioning to approve the reports: Smith

Board member seconding the motion: Evans

Unanimously approved

Committee Reports/Comments

none

Old Business

none

New Business

none

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:28

Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Lor

Board Member seconding the motion: Smith

Next meeting will be on November 18th at 5:30 pm!