



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
May 20th, 2019
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

MINUTES

Board Members:	Ex-Officio Members:	Advisory Members:
<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongsher Ly	<input type="checkbox"/> Luis Brown-Pena
<input type="checkbox"/> Tamara Mattison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Elliott
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fong Lor		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Smith		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caley Long		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yu Yin Liao		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ying Thao		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ronsoie Xiong		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chao Yang		

Staff and Guests Attending:

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Meeting called to order by Vice Board Chair Fong Lor at 6:04 PM

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of 4.22.19 Minutes

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

Reports/Presentations:

Finance Chair Updates—Dr. Ly on behalf of Dr. Mattison

- See financial snapshot attachment for April 2019

- Current 350 ADM (390 head count); strong fund balance; we're paying up front \$150K now for construction of expansion and will be reimbursed new school year
- By end of next year, fund balance of 2.5 million projected; 450-460 head count expected in the future

Board Motion: to approve the finance report

Board Member motioning to approve: Smith

Board Member seconding the motion: Liao

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Superintendent Report – Dr. Ly

ADMINISTRATION DUTIES:

- ADM 351
- Good feedback from Dr. Spiker on our 7-8 grade expansion and he gave excellent support to UA and our work; Application for 7-8 grade expansion is in NEO's hands (for fall of 2020)

OPERATIONS:

- Lease aid app in process
- Seeking a kindergarten teacher; process is underway and good applicant pool
- Special Ed department is expanding to 3 and we now have 3 EL teachers on board
- Breaking ground on new expansion in a week or two with six-month plan for completion (Jan 1, 2020 will hopefully be ready); rooms and cafeteria will stay as-is during construction
- Field trips coming up for students
- PreK graduation June 5 at 10:30 AM
- Kindergarten graduation June 6 at 10:00 AM
- 6th grade banquet June 6 at 5:30 PM
- June 7 last day of school
- June 17 – July 12 summer school

ACADEMICS:

- MCA is complete, and we're waiting on results
- MAP is now starting
- UA is working on getting kids on the "bubble" to pass the MCA (they're currently missing it by 2-3 points); we're implementing incentives and motivation, but our scores have dropped 5-6 points from last year which is similar to state-wide trends. Even though we've changed environments and times of day, we're still figuring how to better support the students' success on this test. We're researching solutions. Our growth model test results are good throughout the year, which is a positive sign of our students' learning throughout the year.

COMMUNITY:

- Messiah Episcopal Church helping with uniform drive
- Marquez Perry Banks, former student, passed away in Saint Paul and some of our staff attended; Dr. Ly sent flowers

BOARD BUSINESS:

- Summer Board Retreat – August 2 – 4
- Fong Lor, Caley Long, Nancy Smith are up for new board term, 2019-2021 and all three agreed to resume as-is.

Motion: to approve the board member reports and elect Lor, Long, Smith to a renewed board term

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports and board members: Xiong

Board member seconding the motion: Liao

Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Board Chair Updates – M. Jensen, not present

- None

Motion: to approve the all board member reports
Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Long
Board member seconding the motion: Lor
Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Board Consent Agenda:

- No consent agenda to approve at this time

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

Old Business:

- August 2 -4 board retreat; golf is open at 10:15 AM on Friday; join Mongsher and Ronnie!

New Business:

- None

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- None

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Smith
Board member seconding the motion: Yang
Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM

Next meeting will be June 17, 2019