



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
January 25, 2021
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

MINUTES

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

Staff and Guests Attending:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Jett, NEO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meeting called to order by Melissa Jensen, Board Chair at 6:00 PM via Zoom webinar

Acceptance of Agenda

Corrections made: none

Board Motion: Approve the agenda

Board Member motioning to approving agenda:

Board Member seconding the motion:

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of November 16, 2020 Minutes

Board Motion: to approve the minutes

Board Member motioning to approve the minutes: Yang

Board Member seconding the motion: Lor

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Reports/Presentation

Board Member Reports/Ex-Officio Member Presentations:

Board Chair, Melissa Jensen: not present

Board Finance Chair, Dr. Tamara Mattison: reviewed last month's Financial Snapshot for details for fund balances and expenditures; see attachment

Superintendent, Dr. Ly:

ADMINISTRATIVE and COVID-19 DISCUSSION

- In-distance learning was suspended after new executive order on 12/16 to bring elementary students back by 1/18 with the option for parents to opt-out should they wish; rolling start to bring Pre-K to Grade 5 gradually.
- Since Pre-K students had to be separated from other grades, we used the mobile units for this population of our student body as of 1/19.
- Prior to bringing students back, we called all our parents to see if they were interested in coming back to UA. Approximately 75% said yes to in-person learning.
- Our COVID plans and health and safety plans were given strong approval from the Department of Health. Staff are being tested every 2 weeks on-site for the virus.
- Annual report now on website and was distributed to NEO and others
- MDE and Governor have released pilot program to vaccinate educators but rollout has been slow; UA was granted 3 vaccines the first week. This current week UA will be granted 24 slots for vaccines to be administered at Xcel Center for staff. Dr. Ly selected the educators involved by looking at staff's direct contact with students to determine vaccine schedule. Staff can decline should they choose.
- Feb 3 virtual site visit with NEO from 9 – 12 pm.
- We are in search for two 8th grade teachers for next year's academic year. We've had quite a few student teachers this year which is helpful for next year'

FACILITY

- Construction for four new classrooms started 1st week of January, after some delays. Ongoing project. Completion date likely mid February 2021. Space will have new AV system and HVAC, lighting, etc.

ACADEMICS:

- Grades 3 -5 will be here Feb 1
- Grades 6-8 will remain at distance learning until we hear more from MDE
- Testing projected for MCA and Access testing and will take place this year. Students will have to take test in-person unless the family disagrees which will necessitate an exemption code. There may be a remote system for MCA testing but it's not yet clear how that will look.

BUDGET/OPERATIONS

- RedPath have filed all the necessary filings with the state and MDE. We got an extension for our 990, due May 17, 2021.

COMMUNITY:

- Big student giveaway with lots of gift giving happened in December. Families were very grateful after a tough year across the board.
- United Way continues to donate each month. On average, we have been getting a monthly support check from them.
- Securian keeps up the support of UA although we won't have on-site mentors until likely next year once their staff comes back in person to the office.
- Tennis program has also been suspended but conversations are open for this fall at Fort Snelling.

BOARD:

- Main topics of interest to cover for board training: board self-evaluation, governance/finance, HR. Rod will join us next month for electronic training.

Motion: to approve the board member reports

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Lor

Board member seconding the motion: Xiong

Discussion: none
Unanimously approved

Board Consent Agenda:

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

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Board retreat has been postponed to August 20-22, 2021 due to COVID-19. Please plan on attending next year!

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- None

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM
Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Long
Board member seconding the motion: Lor
Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM

Next board meeting February 15th at 6 p.m.