



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
January 24, 2022
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 checked="" 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:		
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Meeting called to order by Fong Lor, Board Vice Chair at 4:34 PM via Zoom

Acceptance of Agenda

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

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of Nov 15 2021 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/Presentation

Board Member Reports/Ex-Officio Member Presentations:

Board Chair, Melissa Jensen: None
Treasurer, Tamara Mattison: See snapshot for December financials

Superintendent, Dr. Ly:

GENERAL INFORMATION, OPERATIONS and COVID-19 DISCUSSION

- NEO annual site visit on February 10, 2022 from 9-12 via Zoom; this is third year of contract and next year we're up for another 5-year renewal process

STAFFING

- Seeking EL and Special Ed positions for next academic year
- All other departments doing well

FACILITY

- Lumen Christi continued to use the gym on weeknights and weekends for their boys and girls basketball leagues as does Saint Paul rec basketball on weekends; we are receiving a portion of a rental fee for this service
- Monday night youth soccer team with UA students and a couple of teachers
- Hopeful to have basketball and volleyball in the future
- Bleachers are purchased; tentative installation in July 2022 post summer-school

COVID19

- Mask mandate continues in effect
- Distance learning Jan 3 – 7 and 14 – 21 due to high case load of COVID amidst student body; we will continue to monitor the possibility of more distance learning in the future
- Staff and Students COVID testing weekly
- 99% of staff at UA are fully vaccinated and getting booster shots.
- N95 masks will be mandatory for staff and have been distributed to staff

ACADEMICS:

- MAP testing in winter was planned but has been cancelled because of distance learning
- Math and Reading task force has been put together to support students; we are considering revamping current model to help and task force group is meeting monthly to wrap up early spring. Prep to occur this summer for launch this new school year.

BUDGET

- Audit has been filed with state and all appropriate entities
- ESSER funds still available; some spent on smart boards and we will spend additional funds in new academic year to support students' success
- The pay scale has been updated and reviewed by the board and committee. The new scale to be used for FY23 agreements.

Motion: to approve the updated pay scales for teachers and support staff

Board member motioning to approve the pay scales: Lor

Board member seconding the motion: Mattison

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

SCHOOL CALENDAR/EVENTS

- April 4 – 8 Spring Break
- June 10 last day of school for students and June 15 for staff
- Summer school starting final week of June 20, 2022

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Holiday gift drive was a success and we had a new partner this year who was a former Securian employee to did a winter gear drive
- Low turn-out for clothing drive likely because of COVID; we donated excess to Goodwill
- No holiday meal this past year

BOARD BUSINESS:

- Annual review for board training will be due; Rod Haenke will provide instructional videos and will provide a brief presentation this spring
- Board retreat: possibility to conduct a board assessment (how we are doing and where we are going), charter school operations

Motion: to approve the board member reports

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Lor

Board member seconding the motion: Smith

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: Long

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Back at Madden's—weekend of July 22 – 24, 2022

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- None

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM

Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Yang

Board member seconding the motion: Lor

Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Next board meeting February 21, 2022.