



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
October 18, 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 type="checkbox"/> Tamara Mattison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Elliott
<input 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:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam M. from NEO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meeting called to order by Melissa Jensen, Board Chair at 4:33 PM in-person

Acceptance of Agenda

Corrections made: none

Board Motion: Approve the agenda

Board Member motioning to approving agenda: Smith

Board Member seconding the motion: Yang

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of Sept 20 2021 Minutes

Board Motion: to approve the minutes

Board Member motioning to approve the minutes: Xiong

Board Member seconding the motion: Long

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Reports/Presentation

Board Member Reports/Ex-Officio Member Presentations:

Board Chair, Melissa Jensen: None

Superintendent, Dr. Ly:

GENERAL INFORMATION, OPERATIONS and COVID-19 DISCUSSION

- Mask mandate still in place at UA and we are still COVID testing on a weekly basis
- Non vaccinated people are tested weekly and vaccinated staff are welcome to as well

FACILITY

- Full operational and running

ACADEMICS:

- MEA weekend Oct 21-22
- MAP testing done – scores not as great as we expected; we have work to get caught up due to COVID

BUDGET

- Audit is still in progress
- We are working on re-vamping our pay scale for next school year; comparing across districts and what MACS has released around charter schools (many charters are having a hard time as SPPS has raised their pay scale to recruit new teachers); the tentative new pay scale will be shared with the board for possible implementation next March

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Holiday gift drive underway; Toys for Tots and Securian are on board as well as Lumen Christi for the upper grades (60-70 students)
- Lumen Christi also continues to do clothes drives and food drives for us—please drop off at front office anytime between 8 – 4pm; we are still finalizing details on how to distribute items
- Holiday meal still suspended for this year—hopefully next year

BOARD BUSINESS:

- Prelim dates for board retreat are planned; we will need to discuss topics and ideas for the retreat

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

Motion: to approve the board member reports

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Liao

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: Xiong

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 4:48 PM

Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Smith

Board member seconding the motion: Xiong

Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM

Next board meeting November 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.