

Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126

Board of Director's Board Meeting, May 14, 2014

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM in the Conference Room at 6200 W Broadway Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Minutes

Mission

Prairie Seeds Academy, in cooperation with families and community, provides leadership in rigorous education, to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring citizens who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Board of Directors' Purpose

To provide leadership, set policy, and develop accountability practices that will ensure high student achievement.

Call to order 3:45

Role Call

Present: Chee, Jeff C, Ben W, Mindy, Lani (phone)

Absent: Doua, Kristie

Ex-Officio: Ger, Choua, DeGune

Guests: Jeanene

Presentation of the Agenda

I. Reports:

➤ **Treasurer's Report and Motion: (5 min) ***

Chuck was unable to attend.

Board members are asked to look them over prior to the next meeting and bring forward any questions.

A 10% movement is allowed and we will have an amended budget. We have until June 30 to spend dollars.

We will also have a 5 year projection budget.

Motion was made by Jeff C. to accept the financial and management reports. Ben W. second.

➤ **Secretary's Report and Motion: (5 min) ***

Motion to approve the adjusted minutes Mindy. Jeff C second.

➤ **CEO/ Principal's Report: (10 min)***

MCA tee shirts—PSA beats MCA were support to the school for testing.

The front windows were vandalized last week.

Escape clause is in charter school news. This protects MDE and the school that if a school is closed, rent does not need to be paid.

Benefits will increase in cost again this year. Insurance will go up. Co-op will subsidize those making less than \$30,000. Small group health plan may have to be put in place in January. Benefits may have to be realigned financially in January.

403 B match will be adjusted based on number of years of service to PSA. Long term care is with UNUM. Audubon will be visiting for ½ day on May 20. Board members are included in their list of people they want to talk to on Tuesday.

IB visit is May 15 and 16.

We will be purchasing a van that meets the necessary requirements.

Graduation is June 7 at 11:00 a.m. Annual meeting is May 22, 2014

Q Comp pay will be determined soon.

Staffing will be offered to teachers after this meeting.

Hiring will include Literacy and Math coaches.

MS Awards, Senior Breakfast, Field Day for Secondary, K-5 Field Trip, Field Day for Elementary, lots of events at the end of the school year that you are all invited to attend.

II. Old and/or Unfinished Business:

➤ **Amended Calendar-Open House in August***

Open House in August would be moved from Friday, August 15 to Thursday, August 14

Motion to approve the Open House date being moved from Friday to Thursday was made by Chee. Second by Jeff C.

Annual meeting could be up for Board discussion to move it to April. No action was taken.

➤ **Teacher Compensation***

Teacher Compensation for 2014-16 Placement and Advancement Schedule

Motion made by Chee to approve the compensation for 2014-16. Second by Ben W.

➤ **Election Committee report* ballot approval**

Jeff C, the chair of the Election Committee reported out

The election committee met several times prior to bringing this ballot forward. One applicant did not appear on the ballot. There was a mismatch of PSA's mission and vision with the responses.

We would like to add Xee Vue, parent of 2 students, to the ballot.

Motion to add Xee Vue onto the ballot made by Mindy. Second by Jeff C.

Vote to approve Mindy Hansen on the ballot. All voting members approved.

Vote to approve Lani. All voting members approved.

Vote to approve Ben W. All voting members approved.

Vote to approve Felicia. All voting members approved.

III. New Business:

➤ **Resolution re Closure Lease Amendment ***

Ger explained the Escape/ Closure Clause that was recently approved by the state.

Motion was made to move forward with resolution re Closure Lease Amendment just in case the building company has to amend. Motion made by Chee. Second by Jeff C.

➤ **Annual Meeting May 22, 2014 information and attendance**

Candidates will need to be ready to tell a bit about themselves and why they are interested in being on the PSA Board.

➤ **Contracts School year 14-15: ***

By Word of Mouth-Speech/ Language Consulting renewal

Motion was made for approval by Jeff C. Second by Ben W. All voted in favor.

MVNA-school nurse renewal

Motion was made for approval by Ben W. Second by Chee. All voted in favor.

Occupational Therapist renewal

Motion was made for approval by Jeff C. Second by Ben W. All voted in favor.

ISES renewal

Motion was made for approval by Chee. Second Jeff C. All voted in favor.

MN High School League

Motion was made for approval by Jeff C. Second by Chee. All voted in favor.

IV. Adjourn: 5:22

Next regular Meeting: Wednesday June 11, 2014

Annual Meeting: Thursday May 22, 2014

Next agenda items:

**Contracts (CKC, Priority One, Venture Bank, Beltz, Transportation: Kottke and American Bus)
and staffing**

Amended budget