

# Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126

Board of Director's Board Meeting, April 8, 2015  
4 PM – 6:00 PM 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 4:20

Role Call

Present: Jeff Culp, Xee Vue, Mindy Hansen

Absent: Felicia Perry, Doua Lee

Ex-Officio: Ger Yang, Choua Yang, DeGune Lee

Guests: David Greenberg, Chad Debruzzi, Brody Derks, Chuck Herdegen

#### I. Reports:

- Treasurer's Report and Motion: (5 min) \*  
We will move this to next month when Chuck Herdegen is here.
- Secretary's Report and Motion: (5 min) \*  
Mindy made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Xee. All members voted in favor.
- CEO/ Principal's Report: (10 min each)  
Ger shared the upcoming meetings for the Building refinancing process. April 13<sup>th</sup> there is a public hearing for bond hearing. April 15<sup>th</sup> – bond rating. April 22 – special board meeting. April 24 – bond rating finalized. May 24 – bond closing. We are also looking at price quotes for press box renovations.
- Choua – Enrollment is at 778. It remains about the same. All teachers did a SWOT(strengths, weakness, opportunities, threats) analysis. We will take that to the leadership retreat in combination with things to discuss in order to plan for next year. Kristin Scherman will be joining us. Next week there are a couple of bond meetings, then HND, then Prom is right around the corner, so there is a lot happening.

#### II. Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- Nomination Committee report  
Jeff C. shared the Board Member Nomination form that will be sent out this week to all families, K-12. He shared the board election timeline. Next month the board will vote on the ballot.
- Update - Building refinancing process  
This was already given by Ger in his CEO report.

#### III. New Business:

- Secondary Math Data - Chad DeBruzzi, Math Coach - 30 minutes  
Last year we had 21.8% proficiency in math as a school on the MCA's. As our EL students perform on the MCA's, so follows our school. Chad wants to look at cohort data and track them as they travel through PSA. He shared with us how 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students performed on the Fall OLPA compared to the Winter OLPA. Chad shared with us the Algebra strand scores by grade and discussed how to figure out which strands to emphasize when teaching through tracking the data. The MCA Reading test predicts the MCA Math

test with 40% accuracy. Teachers are being observed on the gradual release process, we're tracking the growth, and teachers are increasing the precision of teaching. The gradual release is helping us increase transfer and application. Chad shared next steps with us, including adding Math Corps, using strand assessment, revisiting the intervention program, and recruiting an Elementary Math Coach.

➤ Adjustment to graduation date for Class of 2015

There's a suggestion that we move graduation from Friday, the last day of school. A survey was done of the seniors, and they prefer Saturday. It will be at either 12:00 or 1:00.

➤ Staffing updates\*

- Ya Vang - One-On-One EA for Elementary

-Teena Yang- Kdg/ Library EA

Xee motions to approve the hiring of Ya and Teena for the rest of this school year. Mindy seconds. All members voted in favor.

➤ Vendor contracts \*

Harris Mechanical

Xee motions to approve. Mindy seconds. All members voted in favor.

ISES - Innovative Special Education Services

Mindy motions to approve. Xee seconds. All members voted in favor.

MN Valley Nursing Association - school nurse

Xee motions to approve. Mindy seconds. All members voted in favor.

Beltz, Darling and Associates - Finance and Accounting firm

We still have one more year left on the contract.

➤ School Calendar 2015-16\*

Mindy motions to table this until May's meeting. Xee seconds. All members voted in favor.

➤ Teacher compensation Chart 2015-17\*

Mindy motions to approve the 2015-2016 Teacher's Compensation Chart. Xee seconds. All members voted in favor.

➤ Environmental Discussion –

This a current list of what we are doing for the Environment in 2014-2015. We will continue to update the list.

**IV. Adjourn:6:09**

**Next regular meeting:** May 13, 2015

Annual meeting May 21, 2015 This is considered a Board Meeting. We need to have quorum.

**Future agenda items:**

➤ Board nominations presented

➤ Annual meeting May, 2015

\*Items that need motions/ approval