

Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126

Board of Director's Board Meeting
4 PM – 6:00 PM at 6200 W Broadway Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Minutes September 30, 2015

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 4:07

Role Call

Present: Xee Vue, Jeff C, Mindy

Absent: Txianeng, Doua

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Charlotte Wagner and Chuck Herdegen,

I. Reports:

- Financial Report and Motion: (5 min) *.
Xee made a motion to approve financials from July. Second Jeff. All voted in favor.
Jeff made a motion to approved financials from August. Second by Xee. All voted in favor.
- Minutes of previous meeting and Motion: (5 min) *
Made a motion to accept the minutes of the Meeting from August 12. 2015 by Xee. Jeff second.
- CEO/ Principal's Report: (10 min each)

Principal:

Staffing Art, English, Elementary positions to fill yet.

Grr model to improve systems at PSA. More improvement in the elementary and metacognition showing. Still working in secondary and trying to stabilize the English in the HS. Formal observations have started. Lockdown on August 26 was handled well as per the police. Some parents thought it was handled well, and we are looking into procedures to address other parent concerns on the matter. Crisis team needs to meet and debrief.

Xee, parent, commended the school for the way the situation was handled. Keeping the students away from the school was the best thing for PSA.

Total enrollment was reported to be 775 as of Sept. 30.

CEO:

Bus item on the agenda. Another school tried to recruit our bus drivers.

Audubon retreat: Nov. 13, 14 Anyone who would like to attend should let us know. Xee will attend. Holly Garnell is now our liaison with ACNW.

New Business Item moved to earlier on the agenda:

Environmental suggestions—Domenic Martini attended the EE workshop at Audubon in August and will share with the Board.

Key take aways:

Audubon on review with MDE this year.

Environmental education focused, not just science based. Using the outdoors in other disciplined classrooms. Get students and classes outside. Experience nature! Environments vary. 8th graders have gone outside in Mr. Martini's class to give it a try first and then work with other teachers. He is trying to put plans in place to give feedback. Elem has recess for about 2 hours around lunch time. Domenic will share at a PLC.

PSA Environmental Focus 2013-14 were shared.

We still have a connection to TOP via Teen Annex

Youth Alliance to move forward- Would like to add Tree Trust

Suggested: outside classroom could be cleared for use again.

Environmental Indicators were shared.

Who is Audubon? will be shared with staff

II. Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- Lottery Policy- Change Charter Law to 124E in upcoming revisions (no longer 124.10 and 124.11 but PSA adopted the policy within the previous statutes).

III. New Business:

- Staffing 2015-16 *
See attachment.
Motion to accept the new hires and resignation indicated by Mindy. Jeff second. All voted in favor.
- Goal setting for 15-16
We can vote on this next meeting. The goals were worked on over the 14-15 school year. They were finalized in May. We will email them to you to look at prior to the next meeting (which will be shortly).
- Annual Report/ World's Best Work Force*
The document was sent to Board Members for review. There was a call for changes, notes, questions. Comments about attrition and the mobility rate include having an exit interview. Jeff made a motion to accept the annual report. Xee second. All voted in favor.
- Resignation of Board member *
Doua Lee is submitting his resignation as PSA Board Member.
Xee made a motion to accept Doua Lee's resignation. Jeff second. All voted in favor.
- Bus Purchase
We have added new drivers and thus are in need of more (used) buses. A proposal has been submitted for buses. Beltz will do a feasibility study of cost and repairs billed. It will be brought back to the Board after further study.
- IT recommendation/ order
Recommendation by Academic Coaches for Learning Pads. IT recommends that we go with Chrome Books. Estimated amount for approval is approximately 40 Chrome books with 2 carts. The Board would like to know more about the Chrome Books. IT will be invited to attend.

IV. Adjourn: 5:16

Next regular meeting: October 14, 2015

Future agenda items:

Goal setting with Audubon

Bus Purchase

IT will provide information about Chromebooks

*Items that need motions/ approval