

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 October 14, 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

Role Call at 4:08

Present: Xee, Jeff C, Mindy

Absent: Felicia, Txianeng

Ex-Officio: Choua, DeGune

Guests: Charlotte, Holly, Jeanene, Bill

I. Reports:

- Financial Report and Motion: (5 min) *.
Charlotte said that our final numbers for the Audit are not in. One question was about the management report and the check type label. Charlotte will check on it: W= wire, V= void, M=manual, R= regular
Jeff made a motion to approve the Financial and Management reports for September. Xee second. All voted in favor.
- Minutes of previous meeting and Motion: (5 min) *.
Xee made a motion to approve the minutes from September 30 meeting. Jeff second. All voted in favor.
- CEO/ Principal's Report: (10 min each)
Enrollment is at 775.
Audubon site visit: A schedule was used. Erin Anderson and Holly Garnell were here to visit for environmental focus. For staff development opening today, all went to the outdoor classroom for Morning Meeting. Gradual release of responsibility is to help us raise our test scores. Classrooms are visited frequently by principal, coaches, and consultants. Elementary is more consistent. Secondary met in small groups today. They met by departments and commonalities.

II. Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- Bus purchase-information provided by Mong
Chuck would recommend lease purchase financing. His idea was to eliminate bus repair costs. How reliable are our current buses? What is the cost history of repair? Value of current fleet? Report back next month.
- IT information re: Chromebooks* Bill of Priority One will join us.
Chrome books need a stable wireless server. Need a fast band width and a strong network. I Pads with applications are not for everyone to participate with teacher led instruction. Learning Pads do not work as what was marketed to schools. Chromebooks requires research. Reassessment of wireless network foundation would be necessary. Access for current staff plus Chromebooks will slow down network. PSA will need to purchase extra access points and bump up our internet.

Chromebooks were built to access Google apps. Everything it does require the internet. Students have their own log in. Leasing is an option. Suggestion to get Internet (Comcast) just for staff and one for students only. Could be on the same if one went down. Reassess first (this will take about a week and break down costs) and then order Chromebooks (in phases by smaller numbers).

III. New Business:

- Goal setting for 15-16
Goals were sent to all Board members ahead of time.
- Environmental

We need an Environmental Educator designated to an elementary staff. Suggestions were Youa, Katie T, and Kristie. Some committees are already in place and will develop a plan.

IV. Adjourn: 5:37 pm.

Next regular meeting: November 11, 2015

Future agenda items:

Bus fleet report back
Technology costs to add Chromebooks
Data
By laws

*Items that need motions/ approval