

# Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126

Board of Director's Board Meeting, Dec. 17, 2014  
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 by Chair, Jeff 3:55

Role Call

Present: Jeff C, Xee, Felicia, Mindy

Absent: Doua

Ex-Officio: Ger, Choua. DeGune

Guests: Jim (Auditor), Jeanene

Presentation of the Agenda

#### **I. Reports:**

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

Statements and management reports were given for Oct and Nov. Holdback is not affecting cash flow. Auditor will show where PSA finished its fiscal year.

Motion to accept the November financial statement and Management report by Xee. Second by Mindy. All voted in favor.

Motion by Mindy to accept the October financial statement and Management report. Xee second. Approval from all members present.

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

- October Meeting

- Special Board Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from October and the Dec. 10 meeting by Felicia, Xee. Second by Mindy. All members voted approval.

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

Schools moving into this area. Most of our students are from north Minneapolis, Brooklyn Park area.

Enrollment is now divided into 3 schools due to the reclassification.

Food service audit is January 22, 2015.

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

#### **III. New Business:**

➤ **Staffing updates \***

No longer on staff: Ben Beckman, Mong S. Vang, Foua K. Yang

**Hiring**

➤ Laura Ranieri -Special Ed EA

➤ Nicholas Cole - Elem PE

➤ Kelli Stanoch - Special Education EA

➤ Laura Cleven, HS Language Arts

➤ Elizabeth O'Brien- Secondary EL

Motion to approve the exiting staff and the newly hired staff by Felicia. Second by Xee. All voted in favor.

➤ **Financial Audit\***

No findings, no deficiencies. This is rare and something to be proud of for PSA. Growth in number of students shows an upward trend and leveling off of late. Fund balance shows an increase. Cash and investments is showing growth. Motion to accept the audit report and to move dollars from the general fund to pay the food service deficit \$91,069 by Mindy. Second by Xee.

➤ **Teacher Evaluation Legislation\***

MDE model and PSA model provided. Mindy did a summary of the new legislation. We have most of the elements in place. This will be done over a 3 year cycle.

Motion to accept the plan for the PSA plan of the teacher development evaluation model by Xee. Felicia second. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **Board Resignation \***

- Ben Wanggaard (teacher)

- Lani Suarez (Melanie) (parent/community)

A motion was made by Mindy to approve the resignation of Ben and Lani (regretfully). Felicia second. All voted in favor.

➤ **Audubon Leadership Training – share**

Felicia: Outdoor and environmental education. So many tips on how to make it a part of the school, not just science. We could sign up for different things in the break-out sessions. Great information, feel like there is a need to read up on more things. Networking and experiencing people from other charter schools is rewarding.

**IV. Adjourn: at 5:22**

**Next regular meeting:** January 14, 2015

**Future agenda items:**

➤ **Teacher Compensation for future dialogue**

➤ **Contracts**

\*Items that need motions/ approval