

Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126

Board of Director's Board Meeting

6:00 – 8:00 at 6200 W Broadway Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Monday, October 31, 2016

4:00 - 6:00

AGENDA

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: 4:05 PM

Role Call:

Present: Becky Buckley, Jeff Culp, Mindy Lomen, Sue Moua.

Absent: Xee Vue, Txiabneeb Vang

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

Guests:

Board Agenda Items	Approvals/Motion
I. Reports: 1) Financial Reports and Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed, no questions	Mindy made a motion to approve the Management Reports and financial statements for September 2016. Becky seconded. Vote is unanimous.
2) Minutes of Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed, no questions	Becky made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting on Oct 3, 2016. Jeff seconded. Vote is unanimous.
3) CEO/Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">School sign is up at the corner of the street.IB signs will be up soon.Met with Lee Pao Xiong – partnership in Hmong program and licensing. Teachers taking courses, receiving license in Hmong Language and Culture. Students who take Hmong classes will receive PSA and Concordia credits – double credit. PSA students feeding into Concordia University for higher education opportunity.St Paul United – PSA is trying to build a relationship so they can feed students into PSA.Upgrade lights around the building.Cameras – replacing and adding new cameras around the school.Observations – completed the first round, teacher PDPs and TIP are being developed.Academic training – student motivation, <u>Check for Understanding by Fisher & Frey</u>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PINK Consulting – cultural awareness, getting to know who we are so we can better work with our students and peers.• The elementary roof is getting pretty bad, this is an old building - 20 year roof warranty. GAF put up the roof for this new building, they cannot find record of who built it. They kept adding layers to the roof of the building, instead of removing and fixing the roof. Trying to determine the cost of taking off the layers. Working with several contractors – parts of the roof will need to be replaced. Roof can be done by sections.	
<p>II. <u>Old and/or Unfinished Business:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Portable classroom - update<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With DLR, due to staff changes, the process is slower with reviewing the PSA building plan. Set back – the portables must have two doors, one in the front, one in the back. With our yard the way it is, where the measurement has been done, we cannot put more than two portables in back, one must be smaller. The sidewalk will it be big enough for the students to exit when there is an emergency. Retention pond – thought we can add the driveway, add more parking or put a portable classroom there.• Next step – wait for the city of Brooklyn Park, from the final set back; ramp, distance, fence, exit doors, etc. Waiting for the plan to be approved from the city.	

<p>III. <u>New Business:</u></p> <p>1) Policy review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy 201 - Board Elections – change the word development to election - Policy 202 - Board member training - Policy 203 - Board Committees - Policy 204 - Conflicts of interest – Board members - Policy 206 - Open and closed meetings - Policy 410 – Ethics, - Policy 422 - Employees use of Social Media - Policy 522 – Use of Social Media for students 	<p>Policy Approvals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky made a motion to approve Board Policy 201, Board Elections by changing the word “development” to “election”, Mindy seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Becky made a motion to approve Board Policy 202, Jeff seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Mindy made a motion to approve Board Policy 203, Becky seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Mindy made a motion to approve Board Policy 204, Becky seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Sue made a motion to approve Board Policy 206, Jeff seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Jeff made a motion to approve Board Policy 410, Sue seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Becky made a motion to approve Board Policy 422, Mindy seconded. Vote is unanimous. • Mindy made a motion to approve Board Policy 522, Jeff seconded. Vote is unanimous.
<p>2) Staffing - New Hires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natalie Brownson – Sped EA Sec - Yer Yang – Office Support for ACE Room - Jaricka Buckley – Sped EA Elem - Lucy Lee – Sped EA Elem - Kyle Krause – Technology - Abby Cisek – K-2 EL - Ben Wanggaard – Humanities MS/HS 	<p>Becky motion to accept the hiring of Natalie Brownson, Yer Yang, Jaricka Buckley, Kyle Krause, Abby Cisek, and Lucy Lee. Sue seconded. Vote is unanimous.</p>
<p>3) Turnaround Process – Update Transformation team – met with staff to review the TA process. They asked a lot more questions, questions that came up. Not having elem representation of elem – will add more people during the interviewing process. Thursday night – presented their vision, the RFP, committee gave feedback. Currently revised that before going out to potential partners.</p>	
<p>4) WBWF 2016 Annual Report</p>	<p>Jeff made a motion to approve the 2016</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add more pictures 	WBWF/Annual Report, Becky seconded. Vote is unanimous.
5) CountOnMe – Algebra program for grades 3-8	Becky made a motion to approve the consultant company for math intervention for grade 4-8. With the change that the cost of each of the consultant on contract will be 39,500. Becky seconded. Vote is unanimous.
6) Schedule Special Board Meeting – to complete the evaluations of administrations – Monday, Nov 7, 2016 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.	
<p>Next regular meeting: November 14, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>Future agenda items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MDE WBWF 2) Class Size KG-12 	
Minutes for Oct 31, 2016 Taken By: Choua Yang	