

# **Prairie Seeds Academy -- District # 4126**

## **Board of Directors' Board Meeting**

**6:00-8:00pm at 6200 W Broadway Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428**

**September 20, 2017**

### **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:** at 6:07 PM

**Role Call:**

**Present:** Kevin Xiong, Jeff Culp, Mee Vang, Mai Neng Moua

**Absent:** Becky Buckley

**Ex-Officio:** Choua Yang, Cha- Ger Yang

**Guests:** Mai Thao, Kita Her, Bao Vang, Chuck Herdegen, David Greenberg

## **1. MINUTES**

- 1.1. Mee motioned to approve August 16, 2017 minutes. Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. REPORTS**

### **2.1. Thrive Education Report-**

Staff training during opening week, August 14-25, focused on MCA/ FastBridge Data, GRR, Differentiation, and IXL. IXL has been implemented with a technology plan of adding Chromebooks with fiber purchases. FAST assessment has been completed by all students. PLCs were created in smaller teams to support Reading, Math or Science goals from Exhibit G. PLCs in data teams are looking at high growth, knowing that every student must achieve growth. Thrive is working with Parent and Community Coordinator on creating Parent Education sessions focusing on IXL, FastBridge testing and data.

Investor call went well, investor had some questions-Choua, Bao and Chuck will work on reporting back to investors.

2.2. August Financial and Management Report -  
Chuck reported that Prairie Seeds Academy is still facing a deficit of \$240,000. Cash balance is still at 6 million.

Mee motioned to approve August Financial and Management reports. Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **3. OLD AND /OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3.1. Kristin Scherman Contract - Mee motioned to approve Kristin Scherman's contract. Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2. Diane Heacox Contract - Mee motioned to approve Diane Heacox's contract. Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Moving Matter, LLC - Developmental Adapted Physical Education ("DAPE") Contract- Prairie Seeds Academy needs Adapted PE per IEP of a student. Jeff motioned to approve Moving Matters, LLC contract. Mee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Strategic Staffing Solutions- Prairie Seeds Academy added 12 new students with IEPs. This contract is for SPED teacher Shannon Geno. Kevin motioned to table contract to add amendments to the contract. Mee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Environmental Literacy Plan - Exhibit H - Mai Thao reported on the ELP 2017-2018. The ELP has been submitted to ACNW and staff will await approval from ACNW before implementation.

4.4 Staffing 2017-18  
Jeff motioned to approve new hires. Mai Neng seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Hawj, Hmong Language and Culture Teacher  
Katie Horeka, Reading Teacher  
Erin Solund, EA  
Heidi Singleton, EA  
Kalia Lee, EA  
Cyndi Moua, Parent/Community Coordinator

4.5 ACNW Contracting Process - David Greenberg  
ACNW Board of Directors approved a 3-year contract with Prairie Seeds Academy. The main components of the three-year contract through June 2020 are exhibits such as bylaws, articles, programs, out of school programs, statutory purposes, learning opportunities for students.

Academic Goals - Exhibit G- David will meet with Thrive and Academic team at PSA on September 27th.

ELP Exhibit H- has been submitted to ACNW in September 2017.

## 5. BOARD APPOINTMENT

Kevin presented community member Kazoua Yang as a potential candidate for appointment to the Board. Kazoua holds a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology. Currently, she is a free-lance Certified Hmong Interpreter in the state of Minnesota's court system. Kazoua sits on the board of Empower Hmong Women board and expressed an interest in board appointment for Prairie Seeds Academy.

Mai Neng motioned to appoint Kazoua Yang as a Board member at Prairie Seeds Academy. Mee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kevin Xiong adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kita Her.



