



Board Meeting
Tuesday August 27, 2024
5:00p.m.

We serve a diverse student body to succeed in a rigorous college preparatory program. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills to achieve in college, to contribute positively to society, and to be accepting of all people.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:06pm

Attendance

Members: Erin Enquist, Lisa Dennis, Kinyari Al-Ahad, Rich Holst, Adam Gooder, Orion Walker-Hatfield, Christian Guerrero

Nonmembers: Betsy Lueth (Executive Director), Karen Calaterra (upcoming board member)

Reading of the Mission and Vision

Read by Rich Holst

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dennis and seconded by Enquist. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes from last Board Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Gooder and seconded by Kinyari. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Introduction of Board Members & Proposed Board Members

Two new parent members and soon to be appointed community member introductions were made.

Action Items

- Appoint Karen Calcaterra as Community Board Member
 - A motion to appoint Karen to the board serving a community member seat was made by Dennis and seconded by Gooder. Motion carried.
- Elect Board Officers
 - Rich Holst was nominated for board chair by Dennis. The nomination was accepted and passed.
 - Erin Enquist was nominated for vice chair by Kinyari. The nomination was accepted and passed.
 - Adam Gooder was nominated for Treasurer by Rich Holst. The nomination was accepted and passed.
 - Lisa Dennis was nominated for Secretary by Kinyari. The nomination was accepted and passed.
- 2024-2025 Regular Board Meeting Dates
 - Discussion around moving the November date due to holiday. No amendments. The annual meeting is in May and when the election results are presented. A motion to approve the 24-25 board meeting dates was made by Kinyari and seconded by Enquist. Motion carried.
- Appoint IOwA (Identified Official with Authority)
 - MN Department of Education data collection requires school employees to identify as an IOwA. A motion to appoint Betsy Lueth as the IOwA was made by Gooder and seconded by Kinyari. Motion carried.
- Procurement Policy
 - New law requirements dictate how schools collect bids for services greater than 25k. For TCA, this impacts technology services, SPED services, maintenance services, busing, food services, etc. Discussion ensued. A motion to accept the procurement policy was made by Gooder and seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- Divvy Credit Cards to replace current ANB Credit Cards
 - Currently TCA has 2 credit cards, 1 for general education and 1 for special education. Creative Financial, who is our banking agency, recommends a Divvy credit card for each appointed individual to utilize. These cards would replace our current two. Discussion ensued. A motion to obtain Divvy credit cards was made by Enquist and seconded by Kinyari. Motion carried.
- Title IX Policy
 - This is a new MSBA policy regarding sex discrimination and proposes that all staff are trained instead of just administration. Betsy Lueth is currently the Title IX lead. A motion to accept the Title IX policy was made by Dennis and seconded by Karen. Motion carried.
- Cell Phone Policy
 - This is similar to the MN Department of Education policy. Parents sign this agreement as part of the registration packet. The policy can be amended within the upcoming school year, if needed. A motion to accept the cell phone policy was made by Gooder and seconded by Kinyari. Motion carried.

- June Financials Acceptance
 - Budget constraints at the end of last school year caused a contingency line within the budget. It was decided to put extra money into savings and present a potential for a deficit to bond holders. However, we are currently over about 30-40 students in projected enrollment. Discussion ensued. A motion to accept the June financials was made by Karen and seconded by Dennis. Motion carried.

New Business

- Committee Structure and Membership discussion
 - Discussion ensued around adding another committee due to increased board membership. Potential to add an engagement committee and will be discussed more at the September meeting. Orion will present a strategic plan used by her employer to the board at the next board meeting.

Old Business

None

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Governance
 - Plan was set for 2024 work. Strategic plan expires in 2024 and will be revisited and revised.
 - Finance
 - None
- Director
 - Enrollment Update
 - 572 enrolled students as of now and 8 more in the process of enrolling. Budget was set at 540 students.
- Board Members
 - Karen- presented the fact that recent legislation changes will require a language action plan.
 - Enquist- Middle school orientation went well!

Adjourn