

Meeting Minutes- FINALIZED

Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes Math & Science Academy Monday, January 12, 2017 Room 10

8430 Woodbury Crossing, Woodbury, MN 55125

1. **Call to Order** by Tim Tydlacka (Chair) at 5:00 p.m.

Mission:

To offer intense math, science and technology experiences and challenging opportunities in the arts and humanities. To develop lifelong learning skills, including critical thinking, leadership skills, volunteerism and collaboration with peers.

Vision:

To be an innovative, sustainable model of academic excellence that creates well-rounded, lifelong learners and global citizens.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Present:

Voting:

Tim Tydlacka, Chair & Teacher Representative
Deb Ledvina, Vice Chair & Parent Representative
Mona Hayashi, Treasurer & Parent Representative
Jeana Albers, Secretary & Teacher Representative
Thomas Johnston, Teacher Representative
Cheri Howe, Teacher Representative
Peter Irvine, Community Representative
Ken Thielman, Community Representative

Non-voting:

John Gawarecki, Director (ex officio)

Absent:

Voting:

Jeffrey Eng, Parent Representative

Non-voting:

Tori Szondy, Student Representative
Judith Darling BKDA, Contracted Financial Manager (ex officio)

Guest:

Kathy Boyes, community member

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Items for Discussion and Decision

a. Approval of Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Motion to approve the mission: We provide accelerated curricula in all subjects, with an emphasis on math and science.

Moved by: Tim Tydlacka Second: Peter Irvine

Discussion:

Mission and vision need to be well-advertised.

Vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstain

The vote carries.

Motion to approve the vision as currently stated with no alterations: To be an innovative, sustainable model of academic excellence that creates well-rounded, lifelong learners and global citizens.

Moved by: Tim Tydlacka Second: Cheri Howe

Discussion:

Discussed that the vision was good as stated currently.

Vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstain

The vote carries.

Motion to approve the core values.

Moved by: Tim Tydlacka Second: Thomas Johnston

Discussion:

Changed core values to be in active tense. Core values include the following:

Honesty: MSA's community exhibits fairness, cooperation, integrity, and honesty. MSA students and staff take responsibility for their actions.

Excellence: MSA continuously evaluates and improve programs to ensure the highest quality in teaching and learning. MSA empowers students to develop independence through organization, time management, and self-discipline.

Community: MSA maintains small class sizes and a small school feel.

Respect: MSA's community respects others and their views, while fostering a safe environment where every voice is heard, and individuals are free to take risks.

Teamwork: MSA encourages networking, collaboration, and open communication between all members of our community. MSA encourages students, their families, and staff to invest their time and resources to serve the MSA community.

Vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstain

The vote carries.

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b. Discussion of Strategic Plan

Motion to grant the director of Math and Science Academy permission to pursue leasing of the 8490 Woodbury Crossing building for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by: Tim Tydlacka Second: Jeana Albers

Discussion:

Four financial options were proposed that were based off of the current budget. All options had the school in debt by a certain year. The options did not include expansion. A fifth option was discussed, but data had yet to be calculated. It will be further explored to be discussed at the 1/17 BOD workshop. The pursuit of leasing/purchasing of the building at 8490 Woodbury Crossing for the 2018-2019 school year was discussed. This would not require students to be added. Having the building could help alleviate current room constraints.

Vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstain

The vote carries.

Motion to approve the pursuit of the purchase of the building at 8490 Woodbury Crossing by the Building Company for the 2018-2019 school year.

Moved by: Tim Tydlacka Second: Mona Hayashi

Discussion:

The pursuit of looking into purchasing the building at 8490 Woodbury Crossing was discussed. There might be an opportunity to purchase the building instead of leasing it.

Vote: 7-yes 1-no, Cheri Howe 0-abstain

The vote carries.

c. Stakeholder Meeting Preparation

Discussion:

Stakeholder meeting is to be planned for March or April. Continuing the conversation at next week's (Tuesday, January 17th) workshop.

3. Dates and times of upcoming BOD workshops and meetings:

BOD Workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:00pm.

BOD Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:15pm.

4. Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by: Deb Ledvina Second: Peter Irvine

Vote: 8-yes 0-no 0-abstain

The vote carries.

Submitted:

Jeana Albers, Secretary

Approved:

Jeana Albers, Secretary