

SNA Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2015

1562 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel, MN

Call the Meeting to order by at 6:04 pm by Board Chair Mary Hunn

Board Members Present: Mary Hunn, Maria Nezami, Javed Mohammad, LuAnn Petricka & Britteny Wolterstorff

Board Members Absent: Abdul Khadeer

Others Present: Lulzim Axfhijaj, Kimberly Rowan, Caldoun Abu Hakel, Majid Abu Sara and Salman Abu Sara

Community Comment 5 . 10 Minutes:

Comment is the only open forum portion of today's meeting, and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than two minutes. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during today's meeting. Thank you for coming.

Caldoun Abuhakel, Majid Abu Sara and Salman Abu Sara parents of students attending Star of the North Academy came to give their feedback. They started by saying how they were appreciative of the school and the good education their kids were receiving. They had some concerns about their children being given too much homework during Spring break, the point system is frustrating for the kids who follow rules and get points taken away because of the action of others, that activities should be offered after school and that their children would like field trips.

1. Adoption of Agenda and Addendum

Motion to adopt by Britteny Wolterstorff seconded by Javed Mohammad / Passed unanimously

2. Approval of previous meeting minute

Motion to approve meeting minutes from 03/18/15 monthly board meeting by Javed Mohammad/seconded by Britteny Wolterstorff / Passed unanimously

3. Discussion/Action Items

Item No	Subject	Presenter	Time
1	Student enrollment update Lulzim said there are currently 129 students. We will try to work on getting enrollment for next school year.	Lulzim Axfhijaj	4 Minutes

2	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Tracy Fiereck sent financial report for March 2015 and she said the report looks good. We all received a copy and went over it. Tracy said she will be in next board meeting in May 2015.</p>	Lulzim Axhijaj	15 Minutes
3	<p>Staff hiring Update for 2015-2016</p> <p>Special Ed teachers are being interviewed. Offers were made for K-6 vacant teacher positions. Had a lot of great interviews. Existing staff gave feedback on whether they are staying or leaving. All openings had a lot of applicants.</p>	Lulzim Axhijaj & Kimberly Rowan	8 Minutes
4	<p>Academic/Student Performance Update</p> <p>The students are in term 4 currently. Solid review and preparation for MCA's. After tests, teachers will do more writing and grammar with students. Teachers will do their own projects for their classes. Grades 3-6 will do MCA's and grades K-6 will do NWEA testing. K-2 will also have comprehensive based test .</p>	Lulzim Axhijaj & Kimberly Rowan	12 Minutes
5	<p>K-6 or K-7 for 2015-2016 school year</p> <p>We went over whether school is ready to add 7th grade for 2015-2016 school year. Lulzim put together some data about costs of adding 7th grade. It will cost \$160,000 to add 7th grade staff not including curriculum and furniture. We discussed this issue and we all came to conclusion that we will postpone adding 7th grade for this coming year of 2015-2016. We will consider adding 7th grade for 2016-2017 school year. LuAnn Petricka made motion to postpone adding 7th grade this year and Britteny Wolterstorff seconded that motion. Motion passes unanimously.</p>	Lulzim Axhijaj & Kimberly Rowan	15 Minutes
6	<p>Book Fair and mobile library cart</p> <p>Book fair was done this year and it was successful. Javed Mohammad's wife might lead the next book fair. SNA is thinking of having a mobile library cart.</p>	Lulzim Axhijaj & Kimberly Rowan	3 Minutes
7	<p>Parent Teacher Organization</p> <p>Javed said the parents who were interested in starting PTO Parent Teacher Organization were out of town and will discuss PTO with them soon.</p>	Javed Mohammad	2 Minutes

8	<p>Choosing Audit and Financial Management Company</p> <p>Mary said the school needs to get three proposals from audit and financial management companies and then we can see who we will be hiring for auditor and who we will be hiring for financial management. Luli will bring a list of different vendors such as for transportation, food and business services before the board. Then the board will choose who to hire for these as well as for business management.</p>	Mary Hunn	18 Minutes
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4. Adjournment

Motion made for adjournment made by Maria Nezami/ seconded by Javed Mohammad /Passes unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.