

# SNA Board Meeting Minutes 1-16-2024

**Star of the North Academy**  
1562 Viking Blvd NE, East Bethel, MN

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Board Chair Javed Mohammad**

*Board Members Present:* Javed Mohammad, Natoli Umer, Fikret Ajdinovic & Zeenat Ahmed

*Board Members Absent:* Abdul Khadeer,

*Others Present:* Eman Ibrahim, Mindy Wachter, Magdy Rabeaa, Adam (NEO) & Susan Wong

## **Public Community Comment: 5-10 minutes:**

- Adam from NEO commented that the SNA website is down. Ms. Eman noted this comment & informed him it is being worked on.

*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.*

## **Adoption of Agenda and Addendum**

Motion to approve the amended meeting agenda made by Fikret Ajdinovic and seconded by Javed Mohammad. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve December 12, 2023 SNA board minutes made by Zeenat Ahmed and seconded by Fikret Ajdinovic. Motion passes unanimously.

Conflict of interest check – The Board chair checked for conflict of interest, there is no conflict of interest with any of the board members.

## **Discussion/Action Items**

| Item No. | Subject  | Presenter     | Time       |
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| 1        | <b>Review &amp; Approve November &amp; December Financials:</b> Mindy from BKV presented the Supplemental Packets & Balance Sheets from Nov. & Dec. 2023.<br><br>A motion to pass the Nov. & Dec. Financials as presented made by Natoli Umer and seconded by Zeenat Ahmed. Motion passes unanimously. | Mindy Wachter | 6:10-6:20  |
| 2        | <b>Review &amp; Approve SOD Plan:</b> Mindy presented the SOD (Statutory Operating Debt) Plan mandated by MDE.<br><br>A motion to pass the SOD Plan as presented made by Natoli Umer and seconded by Zeenat Ahmed. Motion passes unanimously.  | Mindy Wachter | 6:20-6:50  |
| 3.       | <b>Review &amp; Approve RFP Audit Company:</b> Mindy presented the Thomas & Company CPA firm as SNA's auditor for 2023.<br><br>A motion to pass the RFP Audit Company as presented made by Javed Mohammad and seconded by Natoli Umer. Motion passes unanimously.                                      | Mindy Wachter | 6:50- 7:05 |
| 4.       | <b>Review the SNA Yearly Lease Aide Application:</b> Mindy emailed the Lease Aide Application forms to all Board Members. All members are to sign the application forms and send them to Mindy.  | Mindy Wachter | 7:05-7:15  |

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| 5. | <p><b>Executive Director Report:</b></p> <p>Current enrollment: 192/ waitlist is 46 students.</p> <p>Looking to hire for 4th gr &amp; KG Lead classroom teachers.</p> <p>SNA has contracted with ELL Advocates to provide our ELL Student Services- 1/22/2024 start date.</p> <p>NEO Learning Walk- Wendy &amp; Tu from NEO visited SNA on 1/8/2024. They observed the Walk to Read program in the classrooms.</p> <p>SNA offered Anti-Bullying Presentations to the MS Boys &amp; to the MS Girls.</p> <p>U of MN Dental School students came to SNA &amp; presented about Oral hygiene to the students on 1/10/2024.</p> <p>The SNA PTO had a fundraiser Bake Sale which raised \$1257 in proceeds that will be used for Library upgrades &amp; equipment.</p> <p>SNA Culture Night will be on Friday 1/26/2024- All Board members are cordially invited to attend.</p> <p>Extra-curricular activities continue at SNA. Mondays/Wednesdays- Reading &amp; Math tutoring, and Tuesdays/Thursdays- Chess Club &amp; Basketball Club.</p> <p>Grants- Ms. Eman is currently working on two grants for the school. She will update at the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>There will be NWEA testing on January 29 -31</p> | Eman Ibrahim | 7:15-7:30 |
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Motion for adjournment was made by Natoli Umer and Seconded by Javed Mohammad.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM

**Next SNA Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 4:30PM