

MEFE Board Meeting

2201 Blaisdell Ave. S  
Mpls, mn 55404

Members in attendance: Grace Hanson, Tony Scallon, Liz Lonetti, Ken Vreeland, Mary Ander  
(Left at 6:50)

Others: Abdighani Ali, Lori Walz, Mike Pocrnich (TAG Finance)

Grace calls meeting to order

1/2. Approve Minutes and Agenda

Discussion: Bus company was chosen after three bids. Minnehaha was selected because it was competitive price and comprehensive service

Motion by Ken- move to accept minutes and agenda

Second: Tony

Vote: All approve

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting (See above)

Discussion

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

3. Financial report

Discussion: Mike- Not too much to report for July since we're new; Focus on cash balance and flow; \$117,857 from state payment and grant. Might have to cut to lease payments for August. Tony- when does state reflect if we have more than adm's budget? Mike- can update

as we go, also at submissions time. Update earlier is recommended by Tony. Big expenses are roughly \$48000 for chromebooks and \$30000 in october for smartboard. OGAN=CSP grant. CSP can cover a little bit of salary but mainly for supplies and curriculum. Lori- buy materials needed for the quarter only as numbers stabilize. Tony- has written some checks and is copying to TAG/Mike. Mary- stated concern for limiting amount that check can be cashed without approval/ budget/ through TAG. Mike- some places do double signatures on checks (Lori and Tony). Tony-Large items coming out but looking ok. Mary- Question about moving money from one account to another. Mike- not a problem because there is only one account; on the backside can move some budget around which is only done once a year at the end (fund balance transfer). Tony- Food service will usually run on deficit. Mike- get those ed benefit forms asap.

Motion by Tony - move approval for report as is.

Second: Ken

Vote: All approve

#### 4. New Hires

- Richard Burton (hall monitor, EA), Fowdusa (EA), Mohammed Ali (EA), Katie Ross (admin assistant)
- Substitutes: Heidi Gruhn, Steven Johnston

Discussion: First three are EA's. Heidi and Steve are subs for first two weeks. Tony and Lori- good idea to have extra subs because we do not know how many students will show up. Lori- figure out average pay of teachers and pay subs within close to that. We need ELL teachers. EA's should start Friday. Grace- interviewed after fair and open. Tony-We could still use a marss person.

Motion by Tony- move to hire first four, wait on last two subs.

Second: Mary

Vote: All approval

#### 5. Contracts for service

- Marketing contracts: Abdighani Ali
- Janitorial

- Other

Discussion: Tony signed contract with Abdighani Ali for \$500/wk for outreach, recruiting, retention, ef ben forms. Grace- need to see a job description. Grace- is Abdighani's salary coming out grant since that has already been eaten up. Tony- could move stuff around from general fund. Mary- Abdighani must make ed ben form focus if he's coming out of general fund. Mary- can approve based on conditions of job descriptions. Tony- will check with Mary Kay to see if we can get a list from marss on case numbers then automatically know for ed benefit status.

Motion by Mary: Move for Abdighani subject to job description.

Second: Liz

Vote: All approve

Discussion: Two bids total. Third bid could not commit to number of hours needed. Ken- Sacs is more inclusive. Ismael/co does more than just janitorial. Ken- has the building changed from what was requested. Tony- building is significantly better than when we took it. Grace and Tony split on issue. Ken- if community is what you're trying to build then Ismael is a good choice since he comes from the community; Ken-what does he have control have since there's alot going in building. Lori- he has been dedicated, has a math degree. Tony- would not do well as teacher in this system. Ken- Give him until provisionally until Nov 1; he represents a face from the students' community. Tony- need to have people cleaning who can speak English. Mary- comparing contracts, Ismael did a terrible job on paint, for now he needs to be on probation due to present job level. Lori- has janitor rubric. Grace- Ismael seems not to be able to complete task and misses details that need to be done. Mary- what about Ismael's half finished work? Tony- "will work with him to get the stuff done". Mary- Sacs better but Ismael does more outside of janitorial.

Motion by: Tony- move to accept Ismael's contract provision. Lori supervises him and gives him a job description. Nov 1 re-eval his work.

Second: Ken

Vote: Yes- Liz, Mary, Ken

Abstain: Grace

## 6. Policy issues

- Student dress code

- Student handbook
- Computer policy

Discussion: Lori- based on what the teachers discussed.

Motion by Tony: Move to accept dress code with revisions based on teacher and board recommendation.

Second: Ken

Vote: All approve

## 7. Other Items

Discussion: Grace- request \$70,000 per year for state paperwork, policy work, plc set up. Grace- worked for three years setting up work. Ken- does that mean we have two admins in a teacher run school. Grace- her intention was always to get paid. Tony- consider pay as consultant \$45000. Mary- she needs to be paid. Ken- where is it in the budget? Grace- it would be in there. Tony- can call her consultant and leave board. Grace- ok with consulting and not on board. Grace- justified for it based on previous work and writing for school; always her intention to eventually be paid. Tony- Grace would not be the admin since that is Lori.

Motion by Mary- move for consulting contract for Dr. Hanson for \$70000.

Second: Liz

Vote: Yes: Liz, Mary. Tony and Grace: Abstain. Ken: No.  
Post discussion: Lawyer looks

Discussion: Abdulkadir's resume was offered.

Motion by Tony- Move for Abdulkadir Shire for board for Tony

Second: Ken

Vote: All approve minus Mary who left.

Discussion: Grace- can have building open for outside groups if they have liability insurance and sign a community use policy contract for use of space. Ken- must charge if even just a dollar. Tony- table until next board meeting at start of Sept.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

Discussion: Next meeting.

Motion by: First Wed of the month for regular board meeting at 4:30.

Second: Liz

Vote: All approve (minus Mary who left early).

Tony- move to adjourn at 7:00