

MEFE Board Meeting 4:30 September 3, 2015

2201 Blaisdell Ave. S.
Minneapolis, Mn 55405

Board Members in Attendance: Tony Scallon, Ken Vreeland, Liz Lonetti, Grace Hanson,
Abdulkadir Shire.

Other: Brad Blue, Abdighani Ali, Lori Walz, Mike Pocrnich, Mark El-Dwick

1. Approve Minutes

Discussion: Change on previous minutes: Richard Bergan was not hired. Steven Jonstead not hired due to declining of sub position.

Motion: Tony- I motion to accept board minutes as amended.

Second: Ken

Vote: All approve

2. Agenda:

No Discussion:

1. Approve minutes
2. Approve agenda
3. Approve new hires:
 Hamdi; Raymond;
4. Finance report if different than last meeting
5. Brad Blue
6. Other

Motion: Tony to accept agenda with an addition of adding #9: Other

Second: Ken

Vote: All approve

3. Approve New Hires

Discussion: Hamdi Farah and Robert Raymond are already hired.

Motion: na

Second: na

Vote: na

4. Brad Blue addresses board

Discussion: Brad Blue: on behalf of The Guild, thanks and congratulations on opening and securing money; record number of charter schools opening; the Guild needs confirmation that board training is scheduled; the consequence is not good if not done; in reference to hr, we have a strong recommendation that your HR training be done and then HR be vetted; all background checks for staff, board members and volunteers need to be completed; the Guild requires more coordinated communication between board and the Guild. Abdulkadir Shire- has to leave. Brad- has to leave also.

Motion: na

Second: na

Vote: na

Other:

Discussion: Mike- there's extra money in the bank because of an overpayment by MDE; official report will delivered within a couple days. Tony- maybe move board meetings to later in month to accommodate getting completed financial reports. Ken- move to Friday or Saturday.

Motion: Tony- I move board meetings be on the first Friday after the first Tuesday of each month Oct. 9, Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 8, May 6, June 10 at 4:30pm.

Second: Liz

Vote: All Favor

5. Plato and website and gym and 4.5 day

Discussion: Tony- needed to get the program up and running; Lori- Plato is equipment and should be different than HR hiring process. Grace- did not realize website was going to be redone. Ken- we did discuss it at a previous board meeting and recommend it be redone. Tony- there is a gym that could be used for \$150 a month and it is a half court; we would have to hire a bus driver to get to them; for now they can use the outdoors. Ken- bussing them to gym would be costly.

Lori- 4.5 days is supported by parents. Liz- Lori please email handout for 4.5 handout. Lori- no problem. Ken- is there some requirement for how long lunch must be; what about staff required time per contract; wants to see a breakdown of student and staff of time; Grace- call advisory an elective class

Motion: Tony- move to accept 4.5 days with teachers staying until fungible 2:30 on Friday in so that 40 hours is met and the advisory is called elective.

Second: Liz
Vote: All approve

Motion: Ken move to accept Plato contract for credit recovery and acceleration that was done by the treasurer
Second: Tony
Vote: All approve

Caden

Discussion: Tony- I signed because it had to be done. Grace- send agenda to Caden so they can post it. Tony- agrees.

Motion: Ken move to accept \$300/month contract for Caden to maintain website that was done by the treasurer
Second: Tony
Vote: all approve

8. Sub and Ron Simmons

Discussion: Tony- going forward for two weeks Heidi hired and up to two more.. Lori- getting pulled into too many discipline issues. Ken- Ron can do behavior and help Lori and has helped Plato. Tony- we have to Lori able to do what she needs to do and free up from disciple

Motion: Tony- move to use Heidi as sub for two weeks and then review for two more weeks after that.
Second: Ken
Vote: All approve

Discussion: Ron: see above

Motion: Tony move to have Ron hired as a helpful admin for two weeks and then review for two weeks after.
Second: Liz
Vote: All approve

Other: Lunch room

Discussion: Tony- will be meeting with UL to discuss building issues that need to be done. Might look into building a new building, buying current building or seeking a new building.

Motion: na

Second: na

Vote: na

Other:

Discussion: Lori- need to get away from using water cooler on first floor. Tony- we need to explore getting drinking fountains in building on each floor.

Second: na

Motion: na

Vote: na

Motion to adjourn: Ken