

St. Cloud Math and Science Academy Board of Directors

136 Division St. Waite Park, MN 56387

September 19, 2016 Minutes

Mission

To serve the needs of all students as they prepare to become life-long learners and contributing members of society through integration of Science, Technology, Math and Engineering into the traditional content areas of Reading, Language Skills, Social Studies, the Arts and Physical Education. Kindness and respect for others is the foundation upon which students will develop into critical and ethical thinkers who will be prepared to meet the challenges of future job market and intrapersonal skills requirements.

Vision

Is to see all students succeed in school to develop self-confidence, learn to appreciate and get along with others, become proficient in all content areas, explore and use unique abilities, graduate from high school and pursue further training including but not limited to, the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math in order to become productive citizens.

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 5:05**
2. **Reading of Mission Reading of Vision** read by Ahmed Ali
3. **Roll Call/Quorum**
 - Present
 - Debbie Adair
 - Sue Jackson
 - Ahmed Ali
 - Megan Roberg
 - Salah Jama
 - There was a Quorum**
 - Not Present
 - Lisa Trnka
 - Non-Members Present
 - Tammy Bengtson
 - Public Input - none**
4. **Approval of the agenda** Sue Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda. Ahmed Ali seconded, motion carried.
5. **Approval of the consent agenda** Ahmed Ali made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Sue Jackson seconded, motion carried.
6. **Conflict of Interest – Charter School Board Members** No Conflict of Interest noted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of August 8, 2016 Minutes**
- **Acceptance of Lisa Trnka's resignation**

7. **Authorizer's report/comments** (Wendy Swanson) None at this time.

8. Director's Report (Tammy Bengtson)

- Discussed how the day went after the events of the weekend.
- Update on Enrollment: We have 178 total students.

School Improvement Goals:

- 1) Increase student achievement in reading and math.
- 2) Increase our English Learner scores by one level each year.
- 3) Integrate science so that our students have a higher number of minutes per day dedicated to STEM activities.
- 4) Improve student behavior and focus on consistent school wide expectations.
- 5) Increase our level of parent and community engagement .

Two new positions hired for this school year:

Cultural Navigator and Behavior Support Staff

Hassan Omar

Art Paraprofessional:

Shukri Mohamed

9. Teachers Report – Megan Roberg – committees for school and board

- We discussed all of the committees

10. Facilities Report (Sue Jackson) – We met with our realtor, he has talked with Denise's realtor. Extra financial burdens (i.e. parking lot maintenance, roof repairs, etc.) were not part of the overview of financial expectations at this time. We still cannot afford the offer. Our realtor will communicate this to the owner's realtor.

11. Executive Committee (Debbie Adair)

Topics for Teacher Reports this school year – Debbie will think about specifics and we will discuss next month.

Discussion of officer positions on the board – We need to fill 2 positions – Vice President and Secretary; we need to get more members because 5 members is the minimum number of members

- Vice President – Ahmed Ali would like to take this position
- Secretary – we could give a stipend to either a teacher or one school secretary to fill this position

Restructure of responsibilities for board members – we want to start sharing responsibilities between all members, we will be taking parts of items to split up and people would be in charge of getting their part done.

12. Marketing Report: (Sue Jackson) – Marketing committee has not met yet this year. We will send home a form with families about box tops at the first conference time in November.

- Grants – Tammy is working with a grant writer to help get us grants: we have done 2 parent involvement grants, service learning grants, leadership grants, and others. Tammy will bring an update next month on all of the grants.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

-Treasurer's Report/ Finance Committee – Susan Jackson

- We have \$60,000 to spend by September 30, 2016. We are looking to buy a new Smartboard and need to spend \$30,000 of it on technology. We have purchased 2 new lunch tables. We will look into getting more classroom tables, desks, and chairs. We will look into getting art to put on the walls to show students different types of art. We will look into more storage cabinets for when we move.

Ahmed Ali made a motion to approve the financial report. Debbie Adair seconded, motion carried.

-October 1 – Somali Museum of Minnesota is hosting an event at the Minneapolis Convention Center – educational and informative about Somali culture, annual celebration, this is the 3rd year of it; the Museum is a traveling museum and could possibly come to the school.

-October 15 – Community Forum – held at the public library, many people in the Somali community and also political leaders will be there; we could have a table there about our school, \$500-\$1,000 to have a table.

-Discussed Jill Waldvogel's request to go from half-time teacher/half-time coordinator to part-time coordinator – what this will look like/ how it will affect our school .

Student Disability Nondiscrimination and Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy– Discussion

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Future Board Meetings:

October 10, 2016

November 14, 2016

December 12, 2016

Upcoming STEM Night:

October 28, 2016

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Executive Committee Meeting

Oct. 3, 2016 4:00 PM

World's Best Work Force Meeting

Oct 3, 2016 3:00 PM

Meeting adjournment – Sue Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Ahmed Ali seconded, motion carried.

6:34 meeting adjourned.

