

Special Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan St. NE, Minneapolis, School Library
Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 6:30 pm
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Board Members in Attendance

Maryann Choy (Secretary), Scott Jax, Cindy Moeller, Abigail Pribbenow (Chair), Jen Shadowens, Kristin Swenson

Board Members Not in Attendance

Dr. Taoyuan Li, Keri Norell, Doug Parish (Treasurer), Dr. Ben Weng

Academic Director and Interim Executive Director in Attendance

Dr. Luyi Lien, Ursina Swanson

YACA Board Members and Representatives in Attendance

Tanya Battista Crespo, Tess DeGeest (Chair), Serena Jones-White, Muree Larson-Bright, Cari Lee, Ana Ly, Coley Murphy, Alison Parks, Ruth Straub, Shane Stubblefield

Public in Attendance

Approximately 20 members of the public attended.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Pribbenow and Ms. DeGeest called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

II. AGENDA

Ms. Pribbenow and Ms. DeGeest called for approval of the agenda.

The motion by Mr. Jax to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

III. INTRODUCTION

Mike Felmlee, Prouty Project, facilitated the Strategic Planning session with YACA and School Board members, School Board and YACA Board candidates, teachers and staff. Representatives from these groups were assigned to seven tables for even representation of constituencies in each group. The public are welcomed to sit at any table. Responses to questions from the 14-question survey sent on April 26 are assigned to each table.

Mr. Felmlee congratulated Yinghua on outstanding survey response rate. There was 100% response from the school Board and YACA Board; 50% from Teachers and 44% from Parents. Normal survey response is about 10-20%.

Mr. Felmlee reviewed the process for the night and set time limits.

The individual groups worked on their questions and identified core themes. Each group wrote themes on poster paper that was reviewed by all. Tornado warnings were sounded at 8:16pm, at which time, the attendees moved to the gym. The group continued to review the common themes in the gym.

IV. SESSION WRAP UP

A copy of the 170 pages of raw survey data will be filed in the school office. Mr. Felmlee will have tonight's work typed up and given to the Task Force who will continue this work. The Task Force members and meeting schedule is posted on Yinghua's website and will be printed in our newsletter. Mr. Felmlee and Ms. Pribbenow fielded questions.

I. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Minutes drafted by MaryAnn Choy, Board Secretary

Approved by vote of Board on: May 16, 2011