

**YACA General Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2009**  
**Yinghua Academy**  
**FINAL**

Ms. Daul called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

**Board Members Present**

Clayton Black, Jennifer Daul, Susan Green, Wendie Lindberg, Julie McCormick, Cindy Moeller, Sandy Norris, Jean Parish, Paul Scanlon

**Board Members Not Present**

Deb Volkert

There were approximately fifty Yinghua Academy parents in attendance.

**Announcements – Jennifer Daul**

Ms. Daul introduced the YACA board members. She announced the YACA summer events. She asked parents to sign a thank you banner for the Yinghua Building Committee. She and Ms. Parish thanked Muree Larson-Bright for heading the Nutrition Committee and Sarah Kirkwood for editing the YACA Newsletter.

**Election of Board Members**

Ms. Daul introduced the five candidates running for the YACA board:

Vice Chair: Tess DeGeest

General Representatives (3): Ana Ly, Todd Harmsen, Coley Murphy, Ruth Straub, Mary Woodley.

Each candidate made a brief statement. Ballots were distributed, completed, and collected.

**State of the School Report**

Ms. Moeller reported that the expansion plan has not yet been approved by the MN Department of Education. Yinghua is moving in June and a summer program is planned for Putnam.

Mary Ann Choy, Yinghua Board member, reported that she is working on a timeline for the move – furniture, gardening, etc. and that parent help will be needed! A welcome committee is also forming for new teachers. Interested parents should contact her at [machoy@comcast.net](mailto:machoy@comcast.net).

Ms Lueth reported that she attended the Second Annual National Chinese Language Learning conference in Chicago. Yinghua was invited to be “expert speakers”. They spoke on three topics. Helena Curtain, considered a leading expert in successfully beginning and maintaining immersion schools since 1977, spent four days with Yinghua Academy staff and teachers doing workshops and training.

### **Election Results**

Ms. Daul announced the election results:

Vice Chair: Tess DeGeest

General Membership Representatives (3):

Todd Harmsen

Ana Ly

Ruth Straub

### **Presentation**

Ms. Green introduced Nyssa Brown, Music Education Coordinator, Perpich Center for Arts Education. Ms. Brown's presentation was on Artists Habits of Mind – the Role and Importance of Arts in a Child's Education. A handout was provided.

Ms. Daul adjourned the meeting at 7:30.