

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Media Center
Monday, February 16, 2015, 6:00 PM
FINAL

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff, Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Emily Hanson, Scott Jax, Jan Kleinman (Secretary—via Skype; battery died at 7:40,) Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Chair), Suzanne Reider (arrived 6:08), Jen Shadowens, Sarah Whiting

Board Members not in Attendance: Seth Werner

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

School Staff in attendance: Luyi Lien

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

II. APPROVALS (13 min.)

a. 2/16/15 Agenda

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

b. 1/19/15 Regular Meeting Minutes

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to approve the minutes was seconded and passed.

c. 1/19/15 Special Meeting Minutes

Edits were offered.

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

d. Policy 616 Schol District System Accountability – Final Reading

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the policy was seconded and passed.

e. Policy 601 Curriculum and Instruction Goals – First Reading

Edits were offered.

f. Policy 603 Curriculum Development – First Reading

Edits were offered.

g. Policy 210.1 Conflict of Interest – First Reading

Minor edits were offered.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

- a. Applications for fall enrollment totaled 196 and letters were sent to 112 kindergarten families with 57 still on the waitlist.
- b. The Yinghua vaccination policy was presented.
- c. The 2015-16 calendar was adjusted to reflect that the kindergarten students start in fall on September 3rd. The rest of the students will start on September 2. This eases the transition for all students on the first day.
- d. Discussion ensued about the Celebration Assemblies and how to message and run those events in future..

V. ACADEMIC UPDATE

Ms. Lien presented on the current standing and goals of MDE and SOPA testing. Also discussed were strategies for students who are not meeting goals.

VI. FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Jax summarized the situation of water found in the gym wall.

VII. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Grubish reported that the taxes were signed off and sent in. Mrs. Berg is working on a budget for the April 1st Finance Committee Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the process of assuming bonds and various five-year budget models.

VIII. GOVERNANCE UPDATE

- a. Revised Bylaws – First Reading.

Discussion followed. Questions were raised about article VIII – Amendments to Bylaws.

- b. Board Size Discussion

After discussion, it was agreed to increase the board size from 11 to 13 members. This is in line with best practices for Charter Schools.

- c. Board Elections Update

The Board election letter will be sent out shortly to be in line with our policy, and a public discussion about the elections will coincide with the Kinder Encore and the YACA monthly coffee.

IX. ADJOURN

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to adjourn at 8:22 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Sarah Whiting.

Approved by vote of Board on March 23, 2015.

