Yinghua Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2016, 6:00
PM Yinghua Academy Media
Center

Board Members in Attendance: Mei Chen, Kimberly Gill (Secretary), Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Emily Hanson, Shu-Mei Lei, Joel Luedtke, Karen Lu, David Mair, Lisa Matre, Amanda Schneider, Chris Ziolkowski

Board Members Not in Attendance: Rosemary Lawrence, Seth Werner

Public in Attendance: Anne Sturdivant

YACA Representative in Attendance: Dina Nash (arrived 6:16)

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. APPROVALS (6 min)
   a. 7/18/16 Agenda
      
      The MOTION to approve the agenda as amended by Ms. Hanson was seconded and passed.

   b. 6/20/16 Regular Meeting Minutes
      
      The MOTION to approve the minutes as amended by Ms. Matre was seconded and passed. Ms. Schneider abstained from the vote.

   c. Staff Leave of Absence Policy
      
      General discussion ensued regarding the language of the policy.
      
      The MOTION to approve policy as amended by Mr. Luedtke was seconded and passed.

III. PUBLIC
    COMMENT None

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE (70 min)

   Ms. Sturdivant presented an overview of four phases of the strategic learning cycle. There was discussion about role of the board, committee members, and school administration in its formation and implementation. Ms. Sturdivant explained that the board will be looking at scenarios in the upcoming months. Questions arose regarding the timing of the various phases of the learning cycle and the formation of a strategic plan.
V. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (15 min)

Ms. Matre presented the second reading of the draft Gender Inclusion Policy, which is based on a sample MSBA policy. Discussion ensued regarding the wording and implementation of the policy.

VI. FINANCE UPDATE (9 min)

Mr. Grubish gave a general financial overview of the past year.

Discussion ensued. VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (19 min)

Mrs. Berg shared highlights of the Taiwan trip.

VIII. ADJOURN (4 min)

Ms. Lu presented the final board meeting schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.

The MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Schneider at 8:07 pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Kimberly Gill, Secretary

Approved by the board on 8/15/16